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Family histories are never finished, and though this one was started more than forty years ago, it is still unfinished, and has many omissions, and perhaps mistakes, but may serve to inspire members of the family to send in data they may have, which will help to complete the record. Thousands of letters have been written, in preparation of this history, many trips made to far away inaccessible places and cemeteries, and hundreds of interviews held with interested people. Court Records have been searched, old wills read, and Bible Records unearthed which had been forgotten for generations. Some letters have been answered promptly, with accurate information, while others have failed to reply or if they did reply, gave meager data. To those of you who have been gracious in your replies, and generous in sending in your family records, the Author is eternally grateful, but it is to your own descendants that you have made this contribution of time and effort, and it is a tribute we all should pay to those worthy ancestors of ours who paved the way for our liberty, our prosperity and our happiness.

It would be impossible to mention all of the people who have made this history possible, but my deepest debt of gratitude is due to Eleanor Davis McSwain, and her husband, Horace L. McSwain, who have never faltered in their co-operation. In spite of her many duties as a mother of two children, a busy housewife on a busy farm, a hard-working public school teacher, while still attending classes at Mercer University, with an A rating, Eleanor Davis McSwain has never said no to any research job I have asked her to do. Others who have given invaluable help are Herschel V. Davis, of Columbus, Georgia, R. J. Dixon of Richland, Mrs. Charles W. Murray of Miami, Britton Ware Davis of Tifton, Mrs. A. C. Richardson of Montezuma, and the following who are now deceased, Mrs. J. T. Murphy of Wharton, Texas, N. A. Davis of Marshall, Texas, Mrs. Felix A. Todd of Muskogee, Oklahoma, and Mrs. George Washington Tharpe of Macon, Georgia.

The work has been tedious and arduous, and though it may be imperfect it contains records that have been rescued from oblivion, and will serve to make your ancestors and mine emerge from the past as living personalities, whose virtues we would do well to emulate, and whose achievements deserve to be honored and remembered.

Abilene, Texas.

November 15, 1952.

This History is affectionately
Dedicated to
My best beloved far away Cousin,
and
Faithful and Efficient Collaborator,
Eleanor Davis McSwain,

Without whose unbounded enthusiasm, encouragement, and endless research, this book might never have been finished.



ELEANOR DAVIS McSWAIN

FOREWORD

WHEN I was a student in Wesleyan College my beloved history teacher was Mrs. Ria Burks, who never failed to remind me of the tremendous debt of gratitude Texans owed to Georgia for their courageous and patriotic assistance in the Texas Revolution. Some of my Georgia kinsmen were among those immortal heroes—the Bullocks, the Hansons, and the Aldredges—and I was determined to know more about them, not only from the records of Texas history, where they died at San Jacinto and at Goliad, but from the counties, and the cities in their home state. I wanted to know about their families, and how they lived, and where they were before the American Revolution. I think even my exacting teacher would be pleased with the research that I have done, for I am more familiar with Georgia records than I am with those of my own state, and in a roll call of Georgia names, I can nearly always place the counties from which they came, and tell you whether they were settlers from Virginia or the Carolinas.

This modest record of mine is entirely inadequate to express the admiration and appreciation I have for these hardy, worthy, ancestors of ours, but if it serves no other purpose than to preserve their names for posterity, it will be reward enough for the labor, time and expense involved.

The record is not perfect, but—

“A man’s reach must exceed his grasp, or what’s a Heaven for”.

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THE NUMBERING SYSTEM

The numbering system in this volume is the same as that used in Volume No. I, and is very accurate. The original ancestor, in this case, John Davis, Senior, has no number, but the children of each family are given numbers in the order of their birth, preceded by the number similarly given to each ancestor. The first figure of each number shows from which child of the original ancestor the person is descended, thus 1-1-1 for Mary L. Davis indicates that she was the first child of the first child of the first child of John Davis, Senior. In listing the children, I have followed the order of the wills, where the exact birth date was not known from other sources.

The spelling in the early records, deeds, and wills has not been changed, though punctuation marks have been used when necessary for clarity.

INTRODUCTION

The following was written by H. L. McSwain, a Surveyor, husband of Eleanor Davis McSwain, who has been pressed into service, and whose characteristic humor was needed many times in the tedious preparation of this book:

In the chapters following an attempt will be made to trace the lineage of our hardy Davis family. In going back into various generations it will be found that the country was new and that the older generations were on the move, seeking more and better lands. It will then become necessary to designate various members of our family by their geographical location.

It is well then that our readers should know something of the early history of Georgia and have a basic knowledge of the formation of political subdivisions, and how counties and districts were formed. We would then suggest that you take a few moments and study "Halls County Map of Georgia," the original of which may be found in the Office of Secretary of State (Archives and History Division), the Capitol, Atlanta, Ga.

Please note that the earliest settlements were west of the Savannah River and east of the Oconee River. These early counties were not laid off according to any preconceived plan (that is for the smaller political subdivisions), as was later followed in counties to the west of Oconee River and in the Division of much of the west (Texas and some smaller States bounding it). In the older counties individual tracts were taken up by the heads of families and very often the beds of creeks and ridge lines were taken as boundaries. Militia and voting districts would also usually be designated by natural boundaries. In some few instances, man made boundaries, such as roads, would be used as district boundaries. The South Carolinians accepted the Savannah River as a boundary because they believed that the width of the river and its adjacent marshes would prove to be sufficient barrier.

Later the Federal government, by Treaty, acquired for the State of Georgia, *all* lands West of the Oconee River. In later years, being in a generous mood, Georgia gave much of this land to Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, and Texas. (Legend states that many Carolinians had settled from

Alabama westward and *suggested* to Georgia that such be done.)

After acquiring all lands west of the Oconee River by Treaty, the Federal government gently (?) moved the Red Man West. However, some authorities lean to the theory that a Georgia Gubernatorial Election was in full swing and that the campaign Oratory so drowned out the war whoops that the Red Man moved of his own free will to seek a quieter country.

In any event, after the Red Man vacated, the Governor of Georgia appointed a Surveyor-General with instructions to divide the lands west of the Oconee River into counties, districts and land lots. A further study of the map, "Hall's Original Georgia Map," will show the counties and districts so created, where some of our illustrious forebears have lived.

Another inspection of the Hall's Map will show that the counties as laid off west of the Oconee River were further divided to make new counties.

Where new counties were formed, the nonenclature of the district and the numbering scheme of land lots were not changed. In legal descriptions a land lot such as "Land Lot No. 48, Land District 7, Baldwin County," would, after the formation of a new county, be changed to read, "Land Lot No. 48, Land District No. 7, Originally Baldwin, now Bibb County, Georgia." Thus, in reading of some ancestor it will be found that the same man will be referred to as of "Baldwin," and maybe other records will show that he was of "Bibb."

To return to the political aspects of our story. As new counties, districts and land lots were laid off, lotteries would be held. Persons eligible to participate were veterans of the Revolution, Indian Wars, their widows or dependents and other designated persons who had rendered some service to the state.

This, now, is where our forbears enter the picture. At about this time the tobacco and cotton lands in Virginia and the Carolinas were beginning to feel the strain from years of all work and no play. Many plantation owners from these states were ready and willing to seek new and fresher lands, and to bring some culture to a backwoods state.

In Georgia many of the persons who had drawn a lot of land in some new county were reluctant to leave comforts of life as enjoyed in such cities as Augusta or Savannah, hence

agents of these planters mentioned above would work these towns and buy up these lottery grants. The prices paid were often very high. (?) Legend has it that in some instances a veteran who had drawn, say a lot containing 202½ acres, would sell for as much as the price of a quart of good old Georgia corn.

After the agents of the planters had returned to their employers with the scattered purchases, the planters would then swap between themselves in order to consolidate their holdings. The planters in their home states would then quietly make plans, and when their creditors were occupied with some other matter, depart with their families, wagons, stock, and Negroes. Often after arriving at the newly purchased holdings in Georgia, further trading would take place and another move made. So our readers will see the difficulties that faced the author in spotting our ancestors by name and place.

Persons who feel that they are descendants of the Davis family, but not of the line treated of in this book, may begin their search in the Archives and History Room in Atlanta, Georgia, but may we warn you that this will prove to be a hard task for a beginner. Furthermore, the custodians of the Archives and History Room take a very dim view of amateur genealogists.

We would like to remind you that members of this family should not always believe old Court Records that refer to the hanging of some man whose last name was Davis for the crime of stealing horses. Many persons who were not of the landed Gentry often took the name Davis. Members of "The" Davis Family were always skilled horsemen and we feel that they could have easily eluded any posse sent to catch them.

For a geographical study of the later generations of the Davis family a Map of Georgia will not suffice. A good World Atlas would be needed. Our Volume will attempt to show the present locations of members of this generation, but many members of the family were unable to raise the price of a postage stamp, so we must go to press not knowing just where they may be.

This record of the Davis family has been compiled from original court records, land transactions, deeds, wills, marriages and birth and death notices, from newspaper articles and family Bibles, and the following original State and County maps:

1. "Hall's Original County Map of Ga.", reproduced

from the original in the "Archives and History Room," Sec. of State, the Capitol, Atlanta, Ga. This map has a condensation and compilation of many facts pertaining to early Georgia that would require reading of many volumes of Georgia History to find.

2. A reproduction from the original map (Sec. of State Office) of "District No. 7, Baldwin County," shows some of the properties once owned by various members of the Davis clan. From a study of "Hall's Map" you will see that county lines have been changed, but district and land lot numbers are as they were in the original layout. Stone Creek, to which many of the earlier family deeds refer, is located here.

3. A reproduction from the original (Sec. of State Office) of "District No. 27, Wilkinson County." Some of the later descendants of Davis family have owned land in this district and I seem to recall that records show that some Davis drew land here. A study of Hall's Map will show that this District is now in Twiggs and Wilkinson County.

4. A reproduction from the original (Sec. of State's Office) of "District No. 28, Wilkinson County." Part of this district is now in Bibb County and the remainder is in Twiggs County. This district was first incorporated into Twiggs County, but later on our ancestor requested the Legislature to move that part that contained his plantation from Twiggs to Bibb. This was done. The only land lot moved from one county to another was the upper part of Land Lot 24, which is now in Bibb County. This was part of Elisha Davis' plantation. Other laws mark the changing of lots from Twiggs to Bibb, but these lots so changed were in Original No. 7, Baldwin. They were first made a part of Twiggs and then changed by Legislature to Bibb.

The map in this book shows the locations of all Land Lots, streams, county lines, and the approximate locations of any land held by our family in this section.

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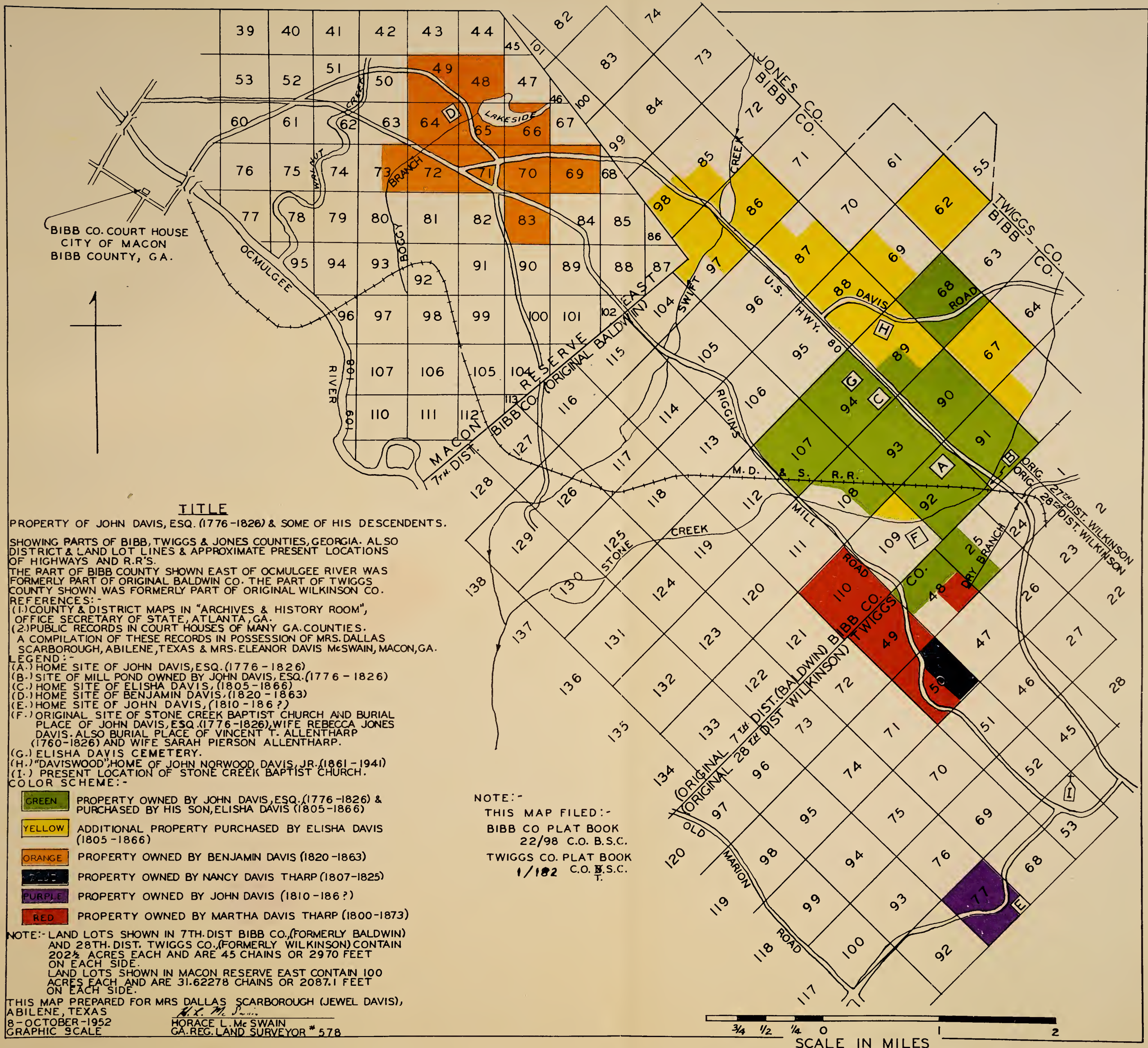
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CHAPTER I

JOHN DAVIS, VIRGINIA REVOLUTIONARY SOLDIER

Many times during the years of collecting data about my family I have deplored the fact that Davis was such an ordinary name, and seeking records of my particular John Davis such a painstaking task. However, the longer I worked, the more satisfied I became, for though the John Davises were numerous in Virginia in the early 17th Century, as shown by the records, there were many heroes among them, and all of them demonstrated the value of their sturdy Welsh ancestry, which was such a potent factor in the development of this Nation. I feel a decided kinship with all of these Virginia Davises, and in this record of the descendants of John Davis, Revolutionary Soldier of Virginia, I pay tribute to all of them, no matter where they may be. Few of them have been spectacular in their achievements, but all of them have done their part in preserving our traditions, our loyalties, our standards of Christian conduct, and our patriotism. This heritage should be very sacred to us all.

Southern families find it much more difficult to establish their lineages, with legal proof, than the families of New England, because of the destruction of so many Court Houses with their precious records during the War Between the States, especially if they were in the path of Sherman's barbarous march through Georgia to the sea. Thousands of citizens are denied membership in patriotic societies because Court Officials are obliged to write—from Virginia, from the Carolinas, and from Georgia—"Our Court House and all records were burned during the Civil War". Hence, it becomes especially important for those Southern families who can present authoritative proof of lineage, to preserve that proof for their descendants. Because pride in ancestry is primarily based on patriotism, it seems to me that those of Southern ancestry may be forgiven for taking an especial pride in being descended from Virginians who did so much to make this Country what it is today, and may be excused too, when they remind the Mayflower descendants that of the 295 men who settled Jamestown, ninety-two were listed as "Gentlemen", a title which meant much more than it does today, sad to relate. Some of the best blood of Europe flowed in the veins of the Colonists, not only of Virginia, but of Maryland, the Carolinas, and yes, Georgia, iconoclasts to the

contrary notwithstanding. To preserve the records of these people of superior qualities should be a labor of love. Though some of you may pretend indifference to the history of your family, I have yet to find the person who is not thrilled to see the name of his ancestor as one who fought at Hastings, one who was at the fall of Cornwallis, one who fought with Jackson at New Orleans, with Taylor in Mexico, or with Lee at Appomatox. Show me a Texan who is not proud of his ancestor who was at San Jacinto, the Alamo or Goliad or who signed the Texas Declaration of Independence, or a Georgian who does not take especial pride in the fact that so many of his kinsmen helped to lift the burden of the tyranny of Santa Anna from the shoulders of the struggling Texans.

Whether John Davis, of Botetourt County, Virginia, was the progenitor of our family in America we do not know, but there is the usual tradition that three Davis brothers came together to Virginia from Wales, our John being one of them. The problem of identifying our John is complicated by the fact that middle names did not come into general use until some time after the Revolution, and there were scores by this good old Welsh name in the Colony of Virginia, and many Revolutionary soldiers of that name. We know that he was a soldier in the Revolution, and extensive research has convinced us that he enlisted in the Continental Army from Botetourt County, a county that was formed in 1769 from parts of Augusta and Rockbridge. This county is located in probably the most scenic part of Virginia, between the Blue Ridge and the Allegheny mountains, and bisected by North Mountain. It seems to me to be a very appropriate place for the rugged Welsh to settle.

The first Census of the United States was made in 1790, but unfortunately the schedules for Virginia were lost, hence the official list had to be compiled from State enumerations of 1782-1785 inclusive, and a few tax lists, but many of the county schedules were lacking, among them, Botetourt. These schedules, however, would be of little use to the historian seeking data about John Davis for according to our records he had died in a British Prison in Charleston, South Carolina in 1780.

A study of the Land Grants of the Regal Government of Virginia gives decided proof of the settlement of the Davis family in the Botetourt area, in Augusta County, the

parent county of Rockbridge and Botetourt, as early as 1742. Some of these grants were as follows:

David Davis, Augusta County, Feb. 12th, 1742, Book 21, p. 159.

Benjamin Davis, Augusta County, Aug. 1st, 1745, Book 23, p. 956. 100 acres, South side of the James.

John Davis, Augusta County, July 10th, 1745, Book 23, p. 896. 200 acres on a branch of the North River of the Shenandoah, called Smith's Creek.

Robert Davis, Augusta County, Jan. 12th, 1746, Book 25, p. 279. 300 acres on West side of the Blue Ridge.

John Davis, Augusta County, March 5, 1747, Book 26, p. 203. 350 acres on Mossey Creek, and both sides of North River of the Shenandoah.

John Davis, Augusta County, April 15th, 1748, Book 26, p. 339. 104 acres on both sides of Mossey Creek.

John Davis, September 5th, 1749, Book 27, p. 353. 166 acres on Smith's Creek, called Yager's Branch.

John Davis, September 5th, 1749, (Book 27, p. 364), 159 acres on branch of Smith's Creek.

Our family records show that John Davis, Senior, was a Virginia Revolutionary soldier who died in the service. He married a "widow McCormick", who had either one or two McCormick sons at the time of her marriage to John Davis, and one Davis child, John Davis Esquire of this history, who was born March 4th, 1776, and was three or four years old at the time of the death of his father. After the death of her husband, Mrs. John Davis moved to Burke County, Georgia, with her three (?) sons. After extensive research by members of the family and professional genealogists we have identified our John Davis as of Botetourt County, Virginia, member of the 7th Virginia Regiment, under Captain Joseph Crockett, who was captured by the British during the siege of Charleston, South Carolina, and died in a British prison there in 1780. One of the reasons that we believe that we have correctly identified John Davis is that from the research that we have made, we have been unable to find any other Virginia Revolutionary Soldier, by the name of John Davis who was not living in 1780. We know from the Family Bible of John Davis Esquire that he was born in 1776, and the date of 1780 for his father's death would also correspond with the traditions of the family that John Davis Esquire

was "three or four" years old when his father died. Some of the descendants of John Davis Esquire have said that he was born in Virginia while others have claimed that he was born in North Carolina. Many of the Revolutionary soldiers of Southwest Virginia saw service in North Carolina, and it is possible that Mrs. John Davis Senior followed her husband there, and that her son was born in that state. It also seems likely that when her husband was captured by the British in Charleston that she came to South Carolina, and after his death joined the horde of settlers who poured into Georgia after the Revolution because of the many advantages offered to settlers there. Unfortunately for us the Court House of Burke County, just across the line from South Carolina, was burned and all early records destroyed, hence it has been impossible to find any official record of the family there. We do not know the given name of Mrs. John Davis Senior, and it is my belief that she did not live to a great age, else the descendants would know more about her, and her McCormick sons. We do know, however, that her McCormick descendants settled in Pulaski County, near Hawkinsville, for they visited back and forth with their Davis kin in Macon, who knew them as cousins, but never bothered to find out the exact relationship. We do not know with a certainty whether there were one or two McCormick sons, or their given names, though we believe that at least one of them was named James McCormick, and that James McCormick Davis was named for him.

In an effort to find the name of the "Widow McCormick's" husband a thorough search has been made of the records of Southwest Virginia, and Francis McCormick, of Frederick County, Virginia, seems to be the most likely, though we have found no absolute proof. Frederick County is an old Valley County, designated in 1738, though not actually organized until 1743, and formed from Orange and parts of Augusta Counties. Many McCormicks and Davises were in this region at that time. According to Norris' History of the Lower Shenandoah, p. 627, the first McCormick to come to this country was Dr. John McCormick, from Ireland, who settled in the Valley between 1730 and 1740. Francis McCormick was his son and was born April 17th, 1734. He was married twice, the first wife was a Miss Province (Provance) and his second wife was a Miss Frost, and it is she whom we believe married John Davis, Senior, after the death of Francis McCormick. Norris also states on p. 628, that two of the sons of Francis McCormick left Virginia when young. We believe that these were the two McCormick sons who came to the Carolinas and thence to Georgia with

their mother, who married John Davis for her second husband. Norris says also that Dr. John McCormick was a very prominent man in Southwest Virginia, and was highly educated, being a graduate of the University of Dublin. The large tract of land which was granted to him when he came to Virginia was said to have been one of the first surveyed by the young George Washington. One of the family heirlooms was a Prayer Book, given by Francis to his son Thomas at the time of his marriage, which contained the family tree on parchment, with dates beginning in 1700, and a picture of Dr. McCormick and his bride. Francis McCormick is listed by H. J. Eckenrode in his list of Colonial Soldiers of Virginia, p. 58, and is reported in Hennings Statutes, 7, p. 215. The reference concerned an act augmenting the forces of the Colony to 2000 men and other purposes, and lists by counties a number of men to whom pay was made for their services. Francis McCormick is listed under Frederick County as receiving 4 shillings in September, 1758, the period covered by the French and Indian War.

It is the belief of the Davis family that Mrs. McCormick was the second wife of John Davis Senior, and that there were several Davis children by the first wife. This is borne out by the fact that one William Davis of Botetourt County qualified as heir of John Davis, April 4th, 1787, setting out in his petition that "He is the lawful heir of John Davis, deceased, a soldier who died in captivity in Charleston." The record follows:

From Virginia Archives, certified by H. J. Eckenrode, Archivist:

"May. Botetourt Court 1787.

On the motion of William Davis who made satisfactory proof to this court that he is the lawful heir of John Davis deceased a soldier who died in captivity in Charlestown. It is ordered to be certified to entitle the said William to the land pay and Depreciation due to him for this and the United States.

Teste. D. May C.B.C.

Know all men by these presents that I William Davis of the County of Botetourt and State of Virginia heir at law to John Davis, deceased, have for and in consideration of divers good causes (me) thereunto moving constituted and appointed Mr. John Smith of sd. county and State my true

and lawful Attorney for me and in my stead to settle with the Auditor of Public Accounts for such arrearages of pay and depreciation and also for the land warrant which is due to me as heir at law, to John Davis, decd. for his services in the Continental army and also to sign seal or acknowledge (illegible) and in my name any instrument of writing which may appear to him necessary for procuring the sd. pay and Warrant and to appoint at his pleasure any attorney or attorneys which to him may appear (illegible), satisfying and confirming whatsoever my sd. attorney may or shall lawfully do concerning the premises. As witness my hand this 30th August 1786.

William Davis (L.S.).

Teste

J. Preston

James Hawkins—

Botetourt County Sect.

Wm. Davis came before me a justice of the peace and acknowledged the execution of the within power of attorney of John Smith. Given from under my hand this 10th day of May 1787.

James Robinson.

I certify that John Davis enlisted a soldier in my company of the 7th Virginia regiment in March 1776 and he the said Davis re-enlisted in sd. Regt. 14 Feby. 1777 for three years of the war as witnesseth my hand this 22nd of Sept. 1786.

Joseph Crockett

Late Capt. in 7th V. Regt.

Entitled to depreciation from 1 Jany.

Seventy seven to 1 June 1780—If not settled.

T. Meriwether.

I do certify that John Davis inlisted in the Continental Army the 3rd of March 1777 for the term of three years

which time he faithfully served; Given under my hand this
27th January 1787.

John Gillison, Late Capt.
6th Virgs. Regt.

The above certificate I am well satisfied is a fact.

Edward Stevens.

John Davis

Private Infy. from 1 March 1777 to 1 March 1780	72 0. 0
Value paper money recd.	14 0. 0
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Copy. Saml. Tinsley, Clk.

Conto. Comr. Righmond June 13. 88

Entitled to depreciation from March Seventy seven to
March Eighty. If not settled.
Feby. 2d. 1787.

T. Meriwether."

I do certify that John Davis was a soldier in the Virginia
Continental line at the siege of the city of Charles Town,
and that the said Davis was made prisoner the 12th day of
May 1780, agreeable to the articles of capitulation entered
into between Majr. Genl. B. Lincoln and Sir H. Clinton for
the Surrender of the said Town—

Given under my hand this 4th day of April 1787.

Ro. Breckenridge.

John Davis

Priv. Infantry from 1 Jany. 1777 to 1 June 1780—L.	82. 0 0
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Auditors Office Richmond, Va.

17 December 1833

I hereby certify the foregoing to be copies of vouchers filed in this department—and the endorsement on the back of the above certificate of R. Breckenridge, is a copy of the endorsement on the Original certificate on file.

Jas. E. Heath.

This William Davis evidently received the land grant to which John Davis was entitled as a Revolutionary soldier, though no name is given in the record, which follows:

“Military Certificates, State Land Office, Vol. 1, p. 304, No. 1586: Representative of John Davis, private in the Continental Line, three years service; certified August 19th, 1783; warrant for 100 acres was issued John Davis’ heir and legal representative of John Davis, deceased, August 20, 1783.” As said before this was the only John Davis, Revolutionary soldier of Virginia, who was not living in 1780.

Other references to the military record of John Davis are as follows:

Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 7, “Militia in the Revolution”, which was taken from a small volume of Militia accounts, of which only one volume was found in January, 1899, p. 418: “Jan. 1st, 1777, John Davis for two rifles for Capt. Thomas Dillard’s Co. of Minute Men. \$11.00. p. 420: Oct. 12th, 1778, Davis, John, Serg. for pay for himself and comp. of Botetourt Militia and cert., 20-12-4.”

In an account book from Botetourt, Augusta, and Montgomery Counties, there is this reference for Botetourt:

“Men who were paid by Virginia for actual military service or other service performed early in the Revolutionary War for provisions or other articles furnished at that time:

p. 165—John Davis.	
31—By sundry acct.	1 L 18 s. 8 d
58—By 12 days driving cattle	2 L 8 s.
To his bond (undecipherable)	
Balance due the Country	3 L 8 s. 4 p.”

There were a number of Georgia land grants issued to various men by the name of McCormick immediately after

the Revolution and it is possible that one of them, James McCormick, is the one connected with our Davis family, for when he died he was living in Baldwin County where John Davis Esquire also owned land. His will was probated in Baldwin County January 3rd, 1814, in which he names his wife, Catherine (Caty), son John, daughter Patsy Pruitt, wife of Harden Pruitt, whose first husband was Samuel Neal, grandchildren Joel Neal, James McCormick, and mentions great grandchildren, without naming them. He leaves land in Warren county, described as "the plantation and land whereon I resided," to his grandson, James McCormick. This James McCormick evidently settled first in Wilkes County, a County that was laid out in 1777 for we find him there in 1787, listed as a Justice of the Peace. Part of this County was set off for Warren County in 1793, and his Wilkes County land was thereafter in Warren County, and was the land which he devised in his will to his grandson, James McCormick. We know this from the fact that he was listed on the tax records of 1794 from Warren County.

These records of John Davis, Senior, Revolutionary Soldier, his wife, the former "Widow McCormick", and her McCormick sons, are meager indeed, but the author hopes that future family historians may be able to continue the research through some of the leads mentioned in this book.

CHAPTER II

I. JOHN DAVIS, ESQUIRE AND
REBECCA JONES

The name John Davis Esquire has been used throughout the record, as it was the name used in early Georgia Records and served to distinguish him from all the other Johns.

Burke County Georgia where the Davis family settled when first coming to Georgia, was laid out in 1758 as St. George's Parish, and included a part of Jefferson and Screven Counties. After the Revolutionary War, in 1777, it became one of the eight original Counties. It was rich, fertile land, and as soon as it was opened for settlement, there was a constant stream of settlers from Virginia and North Carolina who poured into the Country.

Unfortunately for the history of the Davis family, the early records of the County were destroyed by fire in 1849, and though there were many Davis and Jones families there in the early days, we have been unable to identify them with our family. If there was ever a Parish Register for St. Georges' Parish I have been unable to locate it. However, from the Family Bible of John Davis Esquire, the records of which were kept painstakingly throughout the years, we know that John Davis Esquire and Rebecca Jones were married there November 24th, 1796, and that their first eight children were also born in that County.

In 1802 the Federal Government at Ft. Wilkinson, by Treaty with the Creek Indians, and later in 1806, acquired a vast tract of land between the Oconee and the Ocmulgee Rivers. Wilkinson County, by Legislative Act, May 11th, 1803, was created from this area, and the lands were distributed by Lottery in 1805 and 1806. From this vast territory many other counties were created, among them Baldwin and Twiggs. Because of the fertility of the soil, and the many advantages offered to settlers, there was a rush into the area, even before the land was surveyed or the Lottery organized. From the Records of the Surveyor General in the State Land Office in Atlanta, Book E.2 and KK, p. 218, we learn that John Davis, of Martin's District, Burke County, drew Land Lot No. 34 in the 23rd District of Wilkinson County, surveyed December 14, 1806. It is probable that John Davis Esquire exchanged this Land Lot later for other

land adjoining his home, for I could find no further reference to this particular Land Lot.

When Twiggs County was organized from Wilkinson, December 14, 1809, the Davis land was in this new County, and White in "Historical Collections of Georgia", p. 656, lists John Davis as among the original settlers, though he probably did not bring his family until a later date, after preparing a home for them. George G. Smith in his "Story of Georgia and Georgia People", p. 282, says: "The planters of Twiggs were men of broad views, who conducted great planting interests, and gave their families all the advantages that wealth could procure."

The plantation of John Davis Esquire was located successively in Wilkinson, Baldwin, Twiggs and Bibb, by the changing of the County lines, though from 1812 we know that he never changed his place of residence. The map in this volume, carefully prepared by Horace L. McSwain, shows exactly the place of residence of John Davis Esquire, and his children who settled near him. The map was prepared from deed records, wills and various field notes, and Georgia Laws, setting up the various changes in County lines.

As soon as the lands lying between the Oconee and the Ocmulgee Rivers were acquired by the Federal Government in their Treaty with the Creek Indians, plans were made to erect a Fort on the Ocmulgee for purposes of defense. When erected in 1806 it was named Fort Hawkins, in honor of the Indian Agent, Benjamin Hawkins, and it was around this old Fort, on the banks of the river, that the City of Macon had its beginning. John Davis Esquire was a prominent figure in the development of Macon and Bibb County, and he was listed in all of the early enterprises. When the County was organized "at the log house of Mr. John Keener, on what is now known as Orange Street, near the Mount DeSales Academy, in February, 1823", John Davis, Tarpley Holt, David Lawson, and L. K. Carle were listed as the organizers, according to Smith's "Story of Georgia and Georgia People", who also reports that in 1825 the first bank in Macon was incorporated, known as the Bank of Macon, and John Davis Esquire was one of the Incorporators. When the first session of the Superior Court was held in Macon, March 20th, 1823, John Davis Esquire, who had been one of the organizers of the County the previous month, was selected as one of the first Judges of the Inferior Court, and he held this office up until

the time of his death in 1826. His name can be found on many of the old records of Macon and Bibb County. An item copied from the Macon Telegraph, under date of July 7th, 1824, describes an Independence Celebration in Macon in which John Davis Esquire participated as President, which follows:

“The forty-eighth anniversary of our Country’s Independence was celebrated in this town on Monday last by a large and respectable concourse of citizens. The day was ushered in by a gun at day break, and another at sun rise. At half past eleven o’clock a procession was formed at the Ferry, and moved to Bullock’s Building, escorted by Capt. Bates Company. An appropriate hymn was sung, and the Throne of Grace addressed by the Rev. Mr. Rogers, after which the Declaration of Independence was read by M. Robertson, Esquire, and an oration, suited to the occasion, and highly creditable to the speaker, was delivered by Major Booth. Another prayer was then offered up, and a hymn sung, in which most of the audience joined. As soon as the exercises closed, a salute was fired, and the procession again formed, and moved to the Eagles Hotel, where they partook of a sumptuous dinner, for which much credit is due Mr. Rushin, both for its excellence, and the perfect order with which everything was conducted. John Davis Esquire officiated as President and Gen. C. J. McDonald as Vice President. After the cloth was removed toasts were drunk, accompanied by a National Salute.”

John Davis’ home was located on the west bank of Stone Creek, and was about eight or ten miles from Macon. Eight or ten miles in early 1800, over all kinds of roads, by horse back, wagon or gig, was not what it is today, with paved roads and motor transportation, yet John Davis was civic minded enough to make these long trips constantly in performing his various civic duties. When we take into consideration the fact that he had a large plantation of two thousand acres, and a busy grist mill on Stone Creek, we must realize that he had to make personal sacrifices to do this. According to E. Morton Coulter in “Georgia—A Short Story”, there were only 902 plantations of more than a thousand acres in 1860, the time of the South’s greatest prosperity, though Georgia exceeded Alabama by 206 plantations, the state with the next largest number, hence we know that John Davis Esquire was one of the large land owners of his day. His wife was usually referred to as “the wealthy widow Davis”. The mill on Stone Creek was operated even after the death of John Davis, expenses for its operation and re-

pairs being mentioned by Rebecca Davis in her Returns, as Guardian of the minor children.

John Davis Esquire purchased most of the supplies for his plantation in Savannah, a distance of 200 miles, which had to be hauled by ox team. This practice was continued by his son, Elisha Davis, who sent his ox teams regularly, twice each year. During the War Between the States, it was the only market where salt could be secured.

John Davis Esquire was indeed a remarkable man. We know that he was well educated, for we have many original documents in his own handwriting, and have seen his signature on many of the early deeds and Court Documents. We know that he loved books, for there was a goodly supply listed in the Inventory of his estate, among them 12 volumes of Nicholson's Encyclopedia, bought at the sale by Elisha Davis. He came to Wilkinson County when it was a wilderness, under constant danger from the Indians, yet he brought his side board, his folding table, and his silver spoons with him. He managed to acquire more than 2000 acres of land, and leave a substantial inheritance to his wife and ten surviving children, although he died at the age of fifty, just sixteen years after moving from Burke County.

We have never been able to discover his religious faith, but from my research in the Davis and McCormick records in Virginia, I believe that he may have been a Quaker, for I found many Davis and McCormick records among the files of the Friends. However, he may have been a member of the Church of England, which was under a cloud after the Revolutionary War, and not very popular at that time in Georgia. We know that he was not a Baptist, for though he lived just across the creek from Stone Creek Church, where his wife Rebecca held membership, he never united with that Church, though he was a frequent and generous contributor. Then, too, none of his sons were members of this Church. George G. Smith in his history says that a body of Quakers came to Georgia before 1754 and settled on Little River, St. Paul's Parish, near the present location of Whitesboro. where there is a Quaker graveyard, though the settlement was abandoned during the Revolution. The road joining this area to Savannah was called the Quaker Road.

Though we know the date of birth of John Davis Esquire from his Family Bible, in his own handwriting, we do not know the place of his birth. We have always assumed that he was born in Virginia, since his father, John Davis, Sr., was a Revolutionary Soldier from Virginia, but in the

Census of 1880 his son, James McCormick Davis, reported that both his father John, and his mother Rebecca, were born in North Carolina. It is possible that Mrs. John Davis, Sr., followed her husband to North Carolina while he was serving in the Continental Army, and that her son was born while she was there.

Rebecca Jones, wife of John Davis Esquire, was very proud of her Jones family, according to her relatives in Georgia, though we have not been able to identify them, because of the destruction of the Court Records of Burke County. In the Family Bible of John and Rebecca Jones Davis is an entry listing the birth of a Jones child, Elijah Jones, son of Ezra, born January 16th, 1802, though none of the members of the Davis family know who this child was. There was a Levy Jones too who seemed to be connected with the family, for in 1820 Loderick Mathews of Twiggs County, sold Lot No. 48, original Wilkinson County, 28th District, now in Twiggs County, lying on Stone Creek, to Levy Jones, and the deed was witnessed by Rebecca and John Davis, J. P. The original deed is in possession of the family, and it would hardly have been kept by the Davis family, unless Levy Jones was a relative. Thomas Jones, son of John Jones, Revolutionary Soldier, had a sister who married Benjamin Matthews, and all of them moved to Twiggs County at an early date. Thomas Jones married Mary Matthews; his son Thomas Henry Jones, married Martha A. Tharpe, and had a son whom they named Loderick Matthew Jones. In the Return of the estate of John Davis Esquire by William and Rebecca Davis, March 3rd, 1828, there is an entry showing that the Administrators paid Jeremiah Pearson, guardian of Joel and Jeremiah Matthews, \$1290.77.

In George G. Smith's "Story of Georgia and Georgia People", p. 99, the following is recorded: "John Jones, who is generally found in connection with Twiggs, was the son of a wealthy and prominent man of Virginia, and one of a number of brothers who came to Georgia just as the Revolution began. He and his brother James were members of the second Constitutional Convention, and his brothers, Abram and Seaborn, were both famous for their mental ability and warm Patriotism". On page 129 of the same book: "Waynesboro was laid off in 1783 and was named in honor of Mad Anthony Wayne who was a great favorite in Georgia. The Legislature incorporated an Academy, and granted two thousand acres of land as an endowment, and incorporated the village with Thomas Lewis, Sr., Thomas Lewis, Jr., Jas. Duhart, Edward Telfaid, and John Jones as Commission-

ers". This particular Jones family is descended from Peter Jones of Prince George County, Virginia, who died circa 1725. He and his wife Mary had ten children, including John and Peter, Jr. Peter Jones, Jr., had at least three sons, Abram, William and Henry. Abram married Martha Jones, daughter of Sarah and John Jones of England, who was born in Bristol England, and died in Burke County, Georgia, in 1788, leaving the following children: Susannah (Bugg), John, Abram, James, Batt, Seaborn, William, Sarah Ann (Bugg), and Thomas. Because of the names Seaborn and Abram, we feel sure that this is the same family as that of John, Abram, and Seaborn mentioned in Smith's history, quoted above. L. L. Knight in "Georgia Memorials and Legends", Vol. 1, page 338, calls the above John Jones, "Col. John Jones, one of the most distinguished partisan leaders of the War for Independence, of whom little is known, except fragmentary allusions to him in McCall's History of Georgia".

There was also a Frederick Jones in Burke County, Georgia, at a very early date, for he was located in Montgomery County in 1800 conveying land in Burke which he described as "My Castle Manor". Among the Military Records of Burke, in the Georgia State Department of Archives and History, there is a record of a meeting of Military Court, held at the house of Alexander Carter in Waynesboro, with Lt. Col. Thomas Jones, President, and among those present were the following: Major Thomas Davis of Montgomery County, and Lt. Col. John Davis, Georgia Militia, dated April 29th, 1800.

Perhaps from some of the above clues, some future family Historian may discover the Jones family from whom Rebecca Jones was descended.

Though we have been unable to positively identify the McCormick who was the first husband of Mrs. John Davis, Sr., or her McCormick son, and do not know beyond a shadow of a doubt, just where John Davis Esquire was born, we do have a rather complete record of him and his children, from the time of his birth in 1776 to the present day, a period of one hundred and seventy-six years, which, within itself, is quite an achievement. The dates of birth, death and marriage have been secured from Family Bibles, Court and Census Records, or from living descendants or tomb stone records, so we know that they are accurate. The only one

of the children for whom we have failed to find living descendants was Mariah Davis Hill, who moved to Harris County Georgia soon after her marriage. Luckily for the Historian, most of the children remained in Middle Georgia, and their descendants have kept in touch with each other, hence we have been able to verify the records. William Davis, the eldest child, was the only one of the children to move away from Georgia, though he returned to Chatahoochee County, Georgia, in his old age, where he died. All of the other children continued to live in Bibb, Twiggs, Houston and Newton Counties, with the exception of Mariah Davis Hill, mentioned above.

John Davis Esquire and his wife, Rebecca, are both buried in the Stone Creek Church Yard cemetery within a walled enclosure, marked by tomb stones hauled from Savannah, and still in a good state of preservation. The inscriptions are as follows:

For John:

“Sacred to the memory of John Davis who departed this life, April 15th, 1826, aged 50 years, 8 months and 11 days.”

For Rebecca:

“Erected to the memory of Rebecca Davis, wife of John Davis, who lies by her side. She died August 19th, 1844, in the 67th year of her age. She had been for the last 25 years, and to the time of her death, a member of the Baptist Church at Stone Creek. ‘Stop, reader, not so fast. Read and reflect and be prepared to meet Thy God in Peace’.”

John Davis Esquire did not leave a will, and his estate was not finally settled until 1845, after the death of Rebecca. The Court Records of Bibb County are filled with the reports from the John Davis Estate—the Inventory, the various sales of personal and real property, the divisions of the estate as the various children came of age, the Annual Returns of Rebecca and her eldest son William, who were joint Administrators of the estate, and of Rebecca as Guardian of the minor children, and the appointment of various appraisers for the benefit of the heirs as they reached their majority. These reports contain much of interest to the descendants, but are too long to include in this history. However, I shall include one or two reports, as they are too interesting to omit, and shall include the Will of Rebecca Davis, with some of the final reports on her estate.

GEORGIA LAND GRANTS IN THE NAME OF JONES
PRIOR TO 1796

SAINT GEORGE'S PARISH AND BURKE COUNTY

BATT JONES, Burke County.	JANE JONES, Burke County
1785 300 acres	No date 100 acres
1789 287½ acres	JOHN JONES, Burke County
150 acres	1786 100 acres
1794 300 acres	1787 1000 acres
400 acres	500 acres
EDWARD JONES, St. George's Parish.	1788 250 acres
1775 300 acres	303 acres
ELIZABETH JONES, Burke County.	1790 200 acres
1787 300 acres	1791 200 acres
1790 250 acres	1792 150 acres
FREDERICK JONES, Burke County.	1793 200 acres
1784 250 acres	MICHEL JONES, Burke County.
1789 50 acres	1788 575 acres
HENRY JONES, St. George's Parish.	PHILIP JONES, Burke County.
1775 350 acres	1785 287½ acres
HENRY JONES, Burke County.	1786 100 acres
1785 300 acres	SEABORN JONES, Burke County.
350 acres	1788 300 acres
JAMES JONES, St. George's Parish.	THOMAS JONES, Burke County.
No date 100 acres	1789 200 acres
JAMES JONES, Burke County.	WILLIAM JONES, Burke County.
No date 150 acres	1790 300 acres
No date 825 acres	1792 58 acres

FIRST INVENTORY OF AND APPRAISEMENT OF
THE ESTATE OF JOHN DAVIS, DEC'D.,
OF BIBB COUNTY, 1826

No.	1. Tom, Negro man valued at	\$ 550.00
	2. Tilman, Negro man valued at	500.00
	3. Jeffrey, Negro man valued at	500.00

4.	Prince, Negro man valued at	450.00
5.	Essex, Negro man valued at	500.00
6.	Moses, Negro man valued at	500.00
7.	Robin, Negro man valued at	500.00
8.	Ball, Negro man valued at	500.00
9.	Philip, Negro man valued at	450.00
10.	Daniel, Negro man valued at	475.00
11.	Cesar, Negro boy valued at	400.00
12.	Peter, Negro boy valued at	300.00
13.	Berry, Negro boy valued at	200.00
14.	Chelso and her child Tom	400.00
15.	Selvey and her child Charles	500.00
16.	Sarah, Negro woman	400.00
17.	Delia, Negro woman	400.00
18.	Lidia, Negro girl	350.00
19.	Eliza, Negro girl	300.00
20.	Bay Horse, valued at	75.00
21.	Three Mules, valued at	275.00
22.	Brown Mare, valued at	60.00
23.	Sorrel mare and colt, valued at	40.00
24.	Sorrel Filley, valued at	40.00
25.	Thirty-two sheep, valued at	64.00
26.	One hundred and seventy-five hogs.....	
27.	Road Wagon, valued at	80.00
28.	Two Carts, valued at	40.00
29.	One Gig and Harness, valued at	75.00
30.	Set of Smith Tools, valued at	40.00
31.	One Shot Gun, valued at	12.00
32.	One Rifle, valued at	30.00
33.	Seventeen plow hoes, valued at	20.00
34.	Seven Weeding hoes	4.00
35.	Six axes, valued at	10.00
36.	Seven prs. Trace Chains, valued at	8.00
37.	One Still (75 gallons), valued at	46.87½
38.	One Still (60 gallons), valued at	37.50
39.	One Man's Saddle, valued at	15.00
40.	One Woman's Saddle, valued at	15.00
41.	One Clock, valued at	30.00
42.	One Side Board, valued at	20.00
43.	One Desk, valued at	20.00
44.	One Desk, valued at	10.00
45.	One book case, valued at	
46.	One Folding Table, valued at	5.00
47.	One Common Pine Table, valued at	2.00
48.	12 Vol. Nicholson Encyclo., valued at....	18.00
49.	Ewds. Medical Companion, valued at....	75.00
50.	Robertson's History, valued at	1.50

51.	Georgia Justice, valued at	1.50
52.	One Lot of School Books, valued at	1.50
54.	One Thermometer, valued at	3.00
55.	Three Shovels, valued at	2.00
56.	One Grind Stone, valued at	2.50
57.	Three Cradles, valued at	9.00
58.	One Pro and two Wedges, valued at	2.00
59.	One Cross-cut Saw, value at	8.00
	One cutting knife, valued at	3.00
	One Lot old chairs, valued at	2.00
	One Lot Windsor chairs, valued at	4.50
	One Bed and Bedstead and furniture,, valued at	40.00
	One Bed and Bedstead and furniture, valued at	35.00
	One Bed and Bedstead and furniture, valued at	35.00
	One Bed and Bedstead and furniture, valued at	35.00
	One Bed and Bedstead and furniture, valued at	35.00
	One lot Pewter, valued at	7.00
	One lot Crockery, valued at	10.00
	One pr. Candle Sticks, valued at	2.50
	One pr. Candle Sticks, valued at	
	One lot Sundries, valued at	1.00
	One lot Tin, valued at	2.50
	One lot Glass, valued at	5.00
	Two Dozen Silver Spoons, valued at	33.00
	One Dres Glass, valued at50
	Two Chests, valued at	
	Eighty-six Stock Cattle, valued at	473.00
	Two Yoke Steers, valued at	80.00
	One Cotton Gin, valued at	40.00
	Amt. of Notes on Sundry persons, valued at	714.14 $\frac{1}{4}$
	175 Head of Hogs, valued at	437.50
	One lot Tools, valued at	2.00
	5 Head Goats, valued at	5.00
	30 Head Geese, valued at	12.00
	One Loom, valued at	3.00
	Lot of Wheels, valued at	6.00
	Lot of Pots and Ovens, valued at	10.00

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We do certify upon oath that as far as was produced to us by the administrators the above and foregoing contains a true appraisement of the goods, chattels and credits of the Estate of John Davis dec'd. to the best of our judgment and understanding this

Benj. B. Smith
 A. Nelson
 Rice Durrett —Appraisers Names
 John Parker
 Isack A. Tharp

I do hereby certify that the above appraisers were sworn to perform their duty as appraisers according to law this the fourteenth of July One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty-six.

E. McCall, J. P.

Recorded 22nd Dec. 1826.

Sworn to in open Court the 4th Sept. 1826.

Rebecca Davis
 Wm. Davis

GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY.

We, whose names are hereunto annexed having been appointed by the Court of Ordinary of said County to impart to five of the heirs of John Davis deceased viz—Wm. Davis, Elisha Davis, Wm. A. Tharp, Allen Summers and the orphans of Fletcher A. Tharp their distributive shares of the personal property of said deceased. Certify that we have performed said duty by imparting.

To William Davis a Negro man named Essex at	\$ 475.00
and a Negro man named Prince at	350.00
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	\$ 825.00
To Elisha Davis a Negro woman named Silvy at	\$ 500.00
and her child Charles and a Negro man named	
Robin at	500.00
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	\$1000.00
To Allen Summers (husband of Margaret Davis),	
a Negro man named Jeffrey at	\$ 500.00
and his receipt for Negro man Joe	520.00
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To Fletcher A. Tharp's orphans (children of Nancy Davis and Fletcher A. Tharpe) a Negro man named Mopsat at 500.00
 and said F. A. Tharp's receipt for Negro woman named Lucy and her child Emily 500.00

\$1000.00

To Wm. A. Tharp (husband of Martha Davis) a Negro man named Philip at 450.00
 and his receipt for Negro girl Molly at 400.00

\$ 850.00

To Rebecca Davis (the widow) and John Davis, David J. Davis, Mariah Davis, James M. Davis and Benjamin Davis the minor heirs of said deceased, in common

A Negro man named Tilman, at \$ 500.00
 A Negro man named Tom, at 400.00
 A Negro man named Ball, at 550.00
 A Negro man named Daniel, at 500.00
 A Negro boy named Ceasar, at 400.00
 A Negro boy named Peter, at 300.00
 A Negro woman named Sarah, at 400.00
 A Negro woman named Delia, at 400.00
 A Negro woman named Lydia, at 375.00
 A Negro woman named Chelcy and her child Tom, at 300.00
 A Negro girl named Eliza, at 300.00
 A Negro man named Berry, at 200.00

\$4625.00

One yoke steers and cart, at \$ 80.00
 Twenty head of cattle, at 120.00
 One Desk and Side Board, at 28.00
 Two dozen Silver Spoons, at 38.00
 One lot Crockery and Pewter, at 9.00
 One lot chairs, at 6.00
 Twelve Stacks fodder, at 45.00
 One lot plows and gears, at 8.00
 Three Scythes, at 9.00
 Three Mules, at 275.00
 One Bay Horse, at 85.00
 Fifty head hogs, at 100.00
 One wooden clock, at 20.00
 One lot Glass, at 6.00
 Four hundred bushels corn, at 200.00
 Nine sheep, at 18.00

One set Smiths Tools, at	40.00
One lot Kitchen furniture, at	10.00
One lot axes and hoes, at	6.00
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Each one of the heirs who received more than an equal distributive share giving his note to such as received less for the amount of the overplus a distributive share being nine hundred and forty-seven dollars fifty-four and a half cents. January 20 1827.

A. Nelson
Rice Durrett —Distributors
M. Robertson

I do hereby certify that the above distributors were sworn to perform their duty as distributors according to law this 20th day of January 1827.

E. McCall, J. P.

Recorded March 26th, 1828.

Inventory of the personal property of John Davis deceased. Sold at public sale on the 2nd day of September and twenty-second day of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six at twelve months credit. September 2nd.

William Jackson purchased red cow and calf	\$ 12.50
Nimrod Jackson, purchased red cow and calf	12.00
D. R. Allen purchased speckled cow and calf	13.25
D. R. Allen purchased brown cow and calf	14.75
Charles Ingram purchased red side cow and calf	20.25
Samuel Tomkins purchased cow and calf	13.00
Robert Toler purchased cow and calf	18.25
Adam Robertson purchased black cow and calf	16.00
Alexander McGregor purchased five head cattle....	32.18¾
John Dies purchased cow and calf	16.00
Joshua Johnson purchased cow and calf	14.25
Alexander McGregor purchased brindled cow	15.06¼
Rebecca Davis for Jas. Davis purchased 3 heifers....	30.75
Mosses Pettis purchased two small steers	15.00
Samuel Tomkins purchased black bull	8.12½
Thomas Knight purchased two heifers	21.00
Thomas Knight purchased brown cow	14.25
Thomas Knight purchased 3 small white steers	25.12½

Robert Toler purchased three heifers	26.75
Robert Toler purchased cow and yearling	17.75
J. H. Lee purchased cow and calf	20.00

December 22nd

Sampson Bell purchased Roberson's History	1.50
Elisha Davis purchased Nicholson's Encyclopedia	12.00
William Davis purchased brace of pistols	1.00
Charnick A. Tharp purchased folding table	6.62½
Jonathan Neal purchased cutting knife	1.50
Benjamin Matthews purchased lot plows	1.50
Sampson Bell purchased lot plows	2.00
William A. Tharpe purchased lot plows	1.25
William Davis purchased lot plows87½
Elijah Pearce purchased shot gun	8.75
Sampson Bell purchased pair steel yards	2.50
William Davis purchased pair steel yards	1.43¾
Rebecca Davis purchased rifle gun	27.37½
Elisha Davis purchased book case and desk	9.00
Benjamin Matthews purchased set razors	2.75
Freeman Finch purchased man's saddle	15.00¼
Benjamin McKinne purchased five goats	5.00
Jonathan Neal purchased five sheep	12.62½
Jonathan Neal purchased five sheep	12.75
Jonathan Neal purchased five sheep	10.87½
Joseph McKenne purchased five sheep	10.00
Joseph McKenne purchased five sheep	8.25
John Pall purchased five hogs	16.75
Joseph Lansford purchased five hogs	11.25
James Wall purchased ten hogs	17.50
James Jessop purchased four hogs	7.12½
Benjamin Matthews purchased five hogs	6.00
John Baty purchased one hog	4.93¾
Robert Toler purchased five hogs	5.12½
Samuel F. McMurry purchased cow and calf	17.62½
Kinchen Martin purchased cow and calf	14.25
Samuel Jessop purchased cow and calf	14.62½
Robert Toler purchased yoke work steers	25.00
Samuel Jessop purchased white heifer	7.00
Joseph Lansford purchased one cow	10.62½
William Davis purchased red cow	8.00
James Wall purchased two large steers	21.00
Seth Honeycutt purchased two small steers	6.75
Samuel Jessop purchased two small steers	6.62½
Seth Honeycutt purchased two small heifers	9.00
William Davis purchased brown mare	50.00
Rebecca Davis purchased sorrel mare	31.00

John Pall purchased sorrel filly	40.06 $\frac{1}{4}$
Elisha Davis purchased black colt	20.00
Rebecca Davis purchased road wagon	80.00
Benjamin Matthews purchased ox cart	13.00
George Holman purchased 50 bu. corn	39.00
George Holman purchased 50 bu. corn at.....75	37.50
George Holman purchased 50 bu. corn at.....70	35.00
Elias Barclay purchased 100 bu. corn at.....66 $\frac{1}{2}$	66.50
James T. Harris purchased 25 bu. corn at.....75	18.50
William Speres purchased 25 bu. corn at.....71	17.75
Jeremiah Outlaw purchased 25 bu. corn at....70	17.50
Jeremiah Outlaw purchased 25 bu. corn at....70	17.50
Jeremiah Outlaw purchased 50 bu. corn at....73	36.50
Jeremiah Outlaw purchased 50 bu. corn at....72 $\frac{1}{2}$	36.00
Samuel Powell purchased 50 bu. corn at.....74	37.00
Joseph B. Ellis purchased 50 bu. corn at.....67 $\frac{1}{4}$	33.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ephriam Ellis purchased 50 bu. corn at.....70	35.00
George Lucas purchased 1086 lbs. pork at 6.25	67.87 $\frac{1}{2}$
George Lucas purchased 500 lbs. pork at 6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	30.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Langly Grambury purch. 1000 lbs. pork at 5.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	56.25
Langly Grambury purch. 500 lbs. pork at 6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	30.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Langly Grambury purch. 1000 lbs. pork at 6.25	62.50
Dempsey Hatcher purch. 1000 lbs. pork at 6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	61.25
Kinchen Martin purchased 500 lbs. pork at 6.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	30.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
John Baty purchased 500 lbs. pork at6.06 $\frac{1}{4}$	30.31 $\frac{1}{4}$
Samuel F. McMurry purchased Barrel Flour	10.00
Elisha Davis purchased 2 steers	20.00

\$1813.56 $\frac{1}{4}$

An inventory of the personal property of John Davis deceased. Sold at public sale on the 21st day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven at eight months credit.

Rebecca Davis purchased one Gig and Harness and one still	\$ 51.00
Benjamin Bond purchased 25 bushels corn at .64 $\frac{1}{2}$	16.72 $\frac{1}{2}$
Benjamin Bond purchased 75 bushels corn at .63 $\frac{1}{2}$	47.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Benjamin Bond purchased 50 bushels corn at .62 $\frac{1}{2}$	31.25
Benjamin Bond purchased one lot fodder	16.37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Elisha Davis purchased one still at	48.00
Elisha Davis purchased one cow and calf	15.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Matthew Hogen purchased 30 bushels corn at .62 $\frac{1}{2}$	31.62 $\frac{1}{2}$
Matthew Hogen purchased 25 bushels corn at .58	14.50
Abram Williams purchased 25 bushels corn at .61	15.25
Abel Daniel purchased one stack fodder at	6.86

\$2107.79 $\frac{3}{4}$

Recorded March 26th, 1828.

James McCormick Davis was the last one of the children to receive his share of his father's estate. Benjamin, as the youngest child, probably retained his share with that of his mother, which is also probably why Rebecca named Benjamin as her sole heir in her will.

BIBB COURT OF ORDINARY JANUARY TERM, 1838
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Ordered that Thomas S. Chappell, John A. Nelson, Jeremiah A. Tharp, William A. Tharp and Elisha Davis be appointed Commissioners to divide the estate of John Davis late of said County deceased and to set apart to James M. Davis his share of said Estate and to return their proceedings to the next Term of this Court.

A true Copy from the Minutes January 8th, 1838.

Henry G. Ross C. C. O.

GEORGIA, BIBB COUNTY.

In obedience to an order of the Court of Ordinary of said County we the undersigned Commissioners do certify that we have complied with said order by appraising the Estate of John Davis late of said County deceased and assigning to James M. Davis his proportionable part of said Estate viz Negro Boy Cesar at \$850.00, Berry at \$850.00 and cash and notes to the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred and Two Dollars and Thirty Four cents making in the aggregate five thousand four hundred and two dollars and thirty four cents in full of his proportionable part of said Estate.

This 11th January, 1838.

Wm. A. Tharp
Thomas S. Chappell
Jeremiah A. Tharp
Elisha Davis

I do certify that the above appraisers were sworn to perform their duty this the 11th day of January, 1838.

L. I. Grace, J. P.

Since there were ten surviving children or their heirs, and it is presumed that the widow, Rebecca, received an equal amount, the estate of John Davis Esquire must have amounted to about one hundred thousand dollars, which was quite an estate at that time.

On January 6th, 1845, the Bibb County Court appointed David J. Davis and John Davis Administrators, De bonus non, on the estate of John Davis Esquire, deceased, and on September 29, 1845, the Court granted them permission to sell the remaining real estate of John Davis Esquire. Elisha Davis was the purchaser of the property on Stone Creek, containing five hundred acres of land, described as being Lots Numbers 92, 93, and fifty acres of Lot Number 91, in the Second District of Original Baldwin County, and now in Bibb County. This land was the original home of John Davis Esquire, and adjoined the home of Elisha Davis.

WILL OF REBECCA DAVIS

STATE OF GEORGIA | I, REBECCA DAVIS of the Coun-
COUNTY OF BIBB | ty and State aforesaid, widow, do
make and publish this my last Will and Testament, hereby
revoking and making void all former Wills by me made at
any time heretofore.

FIRST: I direct that my body be decently interred at the
burying ground of the Baptist Church at Stone Creek in the
County of Twiggs, and as to such worldly estate as it hath
pleased God to intrust me with I dispose of the same as
follows. First I direct that all my debts and funeral expenses
be paid as soon after my decease as possible out of the first
money that shall come into the hands of my Executors from
any portion of my estate.

SECOND: My will and desire is that my son Benjamin
Davis inherit all my estate both real and personal all except
a negro woman Alice and her children which I wish to be
disposed of in the following manner, to be sold by my Ex-
ecutors and the proceeds of said sale to be equally divided
amongst the balance of my children and I do hereby make
and ordain my sons Benjamin Davis and Elisha Davis my
Executors to this my last Will and Testament.

In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and
seal this first day of December 1838.

Rebecca Davis (L. S.)

In presence of
G. M. Powell
John Powell

Bibb Court of Ordinary, Estate of Rebecca Davis,
Inventory and Appraisement

Recorded Book of Returns "C", p. 46, Filed Dec. 10, 1844

INVENTORY AND APPRAISEMENT OF THE ESTATE
OF REBECCA DAVIS, DECEASED

1.	Ball, Negro man valued at	\$ 500.00
2.	Daniel	550.00
3.	Peter	525.00
4.	Tom	525.00
5.	Charles	500.00
6.	Dave	475.00
7.	Prince	280.00
8.	Chelsea, a Negro woman	150.00
9.	Lydia, a Negro woman	375.00
10.	Sally, a Negro woman	300.00
11.	Caroline, a Negro woman	400.00
12.	Milley, a Negro woman	150.00
13.	Melvinia, a Negro woman	400.00
14.	Jane, a Negro girl	375.00
15.	George, a Negro boy	300.00
16.	John, a Negro boy	275.00
17.	Bob, a Negro boy	250.00
18.	Martha, a Negro boy	125.00
19.	Elcey, a Negro woman	350.00
20.	Ann, a Negro girl	300.00
21.	Charity	100.00
22.	Bird, a Negro boy	250.00
23.	Green	175.00
24.	Bill	150.00
25.	Mariah, a Negro girl	75.00
1.	One side board at	25.00
2.	One buro at	5.00
3.	One clock at	20.00
4.	Half dozen fine chairs	15.00
5.	Five chairs at	5.00
6.	One lot of common chairs	9.00
7.	Two large mirrors	5.00
8.	One shot gun	15.00
9.	One rifle	5.00
10.	Three small looking glasses	1.50
11.	One Thermometer	2.50
12.	Candlesticks	3.00
13.	One lot of books	5.00
14.	Handirons and tongs	1.00
15.	One wardrobe	8.00

16.	One safe	8.00
17.	One lot of crockery	10.00
18.	One lot of glassware	6.00
19.	One lot of tin	4.00
20.	One lot of silver spoons	15.00
21.	Smoothing irons	1.00
22.	One slab	5.00
23.	One lot of knives and forks	2.00
24.	First lot of jug ware	2.00
25.	One lot of boxes	2.00
26.	Two painted chests	2.00
27.	Three bed steds	4.50
28.	Bed and sted	15.00
29.	One lot of feathers	6.00
30.	Two trunks	3.00
31.	One lot of bed clothing	25.00
32.	One lot of tables	10.00
33.	One bed and sted	25.00
34.	One bed and sted	20.00
35.	Washstand bole and pitcher	2.00
36.	Bed and sted, small	12.00
37.	Jug ware at	2.00
38.	One lot of pot ware	15.00
39.	One lot of cooper ware	4.00
40.	One still	15.00
41.	One buggy	120.00
42.	One barouche	100.00
43.	Man and woman's saddles	10.00
44.	Stock hogs	100.00
45.	Yoke of Oxen	15.00
46.	Lot of sheep	25.00
47.	One road wagon	75.00
48.	Two carts	30.00
49.	Six mules at 40 dollars each	240.00
50.	One Bay horse	70.00
51.	One sorrel horse	30.00
52.	Nine hundred bushels of corn at .35	315.00
53.	Twenty-two stacks of fodder at \$2.50 each	45.00
54.	Ten thousand pounds of pork at 3 cts.	300.00
55.	Seventy head of cattle at \$2.50 a head	175.00
56.	Crop of cotton at 3½ cts. per pound	522.47
57.	One cotton gin	10.00
58.	Ten bushels of wheat at 50 cts. per bushel	5.00
59.	Plantation tools	10.00
60.	Blacksmith tools	30.00
	Ploughs at	13.00
	Carpenters tools at	8.00

Lot of old lumber at	15.00
Spinning wheel	4.00
Loom	4.00
Potatoes	20.00

We do hereby certify that the foregoing contains a true appraisement and valuation of the goods and chattels of Rebecca Davis, dec'd. as produced to us by Benjamin Davis, Exectr. to the best of our judgment and understanding. This 10th day of December, 1844.

N. P. Parker
T. L. Chappell —Appraisers
John A. Nelson
John H. Hogan

I do hereby certify that the above appraisers were sworn to perform their duty as appraisers of the Estate of Rebecca Davis, deceased according to law—December 10th, 1844.

Samuel Taylor, J. P.

Bibb Court of Ordinary, Estate, Rebecca Davis, Final
Return, Recorded Book of Returns "C", p. 174, Filed
Feb. 7th, 1846.

DR. THE ESTATE OF REBECCA DAVIS TO BENJAMIN DAVIS, ONE OF THE QUALIFIED EXECUTORS TO LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF SAID REBECCA DAVIS, DEC'D. OF BIBB COUNTY.

1845

No. 1.	A. Baber, Acct., attending on the last illness \$	54.00
No. 2.	Wood and Bradley, Acct. for coffin	31.50
No. 3.	James M. Green, Acct., physician	6.62
No. 4.	A. Baber, Acct. as physician	24.50
No. 5.	James M. Green, Acct. as physician	48.00
No. 6.	E. Bodwell, Acct. for building wall around grave	40.00
No. 7.	Martha Tharp Acct.	12.00
No. 8.	Note of hand, principal and interest	26.25
No. 9.	James M. Barclay Acct.	15 63
No. 10.	D. & W. grave Acct.	159.79
No. 11.	James Artope Acct. for tomb-stone marble, pedestal, lettering and fixing	146.00
No. 12.	Note of hand to John Parker pd.	206.88

Benj. Davis, Exctr.

Sworn to and subscribed
before me, this 7th July, 1846,
Mark D. Clarke, C. C. O.

THE NET CR.

Proceeds of the sale of a Negro woman, named Elsa and her five children, viz: Ann, Bird, Gerrey, William and Mary — sold on the First Tuesday in April, 1845, for\$1175.00

and equally divided between William Davis, Martha Tharp, and Margaret Summers, Elisha Davis, John Davis, David J. Davis, Mariah Hill, and James M. Davis as was given and bequeathed in said Will by the said Rebecca Davis.

The balance of the personal estate of said deceased was given and bequeathed unto myself which property I was in possession of at the death of said deceased and for which I have given my receipt unto Elisha Davis the other executor left in said will.

ALABAMA, RUSSELL COUNTY:

February 11th, 1846

Received of Elisha Davis one of the executors of the last will and testament of Rebecca Davis late of Bibb County, Georgia, deceased, one hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents (\$145.58) in full payment of my distributive share of the negroes willed by said deceased to Elisha Davis, John Davis, David J. Davis, James M. Davis, Martha Tharp, Margaret Summers and Mariah Hill and myself.

Wm. Davis

Received of Elisha Davis one of the Executors of the Will of Rebecca Davis, dec'd. one hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents in full of my distributive share of the personal property of said dec'd. this the twentieth day of April, 1845.

John Davis

Received of Elisha Davis one of the Executors of the last will and testament of Rebecca Davis, late of Bibb County, dec'd., one hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents, it being my proportionable part of a Negro woman named Elsa and her five children left by said deceased to William Davis, Elisha Davis, John Davis, James Davis, Margaret Summers, Mariah Hill, David J. Davis and myself.

This the 6 day of April, 1846.

Martha Tharp

Received of Elisha Davis and Benjamin Davis Executors of the last will and testament of Rebecca Davis, late of Bibb County, dec'd., one hundred forty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents, it being my proportionable part in said will this 8 day of March 1845.

A. Summers

GEORGIA, TWIGGS COUNTY:

Received of Elisha Davis one of the Executors of the last Will and Testament of Rebecca Davis, dec'd., late of Bibb County, one hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents for my part of a Negro woman by the name of Elsa and her five children, viz: Ann, Bird, Green, William and Mary left by said dec'd. to William Davis, Martha Tharp, Margaret Summers, Elisha Davis, John Davis, Mariah Hill, James M. Davis and myself. April 10th, 1845.

D. J. Davis

Received of Elisha Davis and Benjamin Davis, Executors of the last will and testament of Rebecca Davis late of Bibb County, de'd., one hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents. It being my proportionable part of the personal property left in said Will. March 8, 1845.

V. A. Hill

Received of Elisha Davis one of the Executors to the Last Will and Testament of Rebecca Davis, dec'd. one hundred and forty-five dollars and fifty-eight cents, it being my proportionable part of Elsa and her children as left us in the will of said Rebecca Davis, this the first day of April, 1845.

James M. Davis

The following is the list of children of John Davis, Esquire, and Rebecca Jones, with reference to the records used to identify them and their descendants:

1. William Davis. His own Family Bible and administration records of his estate.
2. Martha Davis Tharpe. Family Bible and will in Houston County.
3. Margaret Davis Summers. Family Bible and will of her husband, Allen Summers, in Newton County, Ga.
4. Elijah Davis. Died in infancy.

5. Elisha Davis. Bible Records, Court Records and will in Bibb County.

6. Nancy Davis Tharpe. Family Bible and administration reports.

7. John Davis, Jr. Family Bible, Court Records and Census of 1860.

8. David J. Davis. Bible Records, Court and administration records.

9. Mariah Davis Hill. Bible Records and will of husband, Vincent A. Hill in Harris County, Ga.

10. James McCormick Davis. Bible Records, records from his children, and Census of 1880.

11. Benjamin Davis. Bible Records, administration records, and will of his wife in Bibb County, Ga.

CHAPTER III

WILLIAM DAVIS, 1-1

When John Davis, Esquire, father of William Davis, moved to Wilkinson County Georgia in 1808, William was about ten years of age. His father had been one of the "fortunate drawers" in the Lottery of 1806, from Martin's District of Burke County, and had drawn Lot. No. 34, in the 23rd District of Wilkinson County. The grant was dated December 20th 1808. That Land Lot became a part of Twiggs County on December 14th, 1809, and is still in Twiggs County. Twiggs County was cut off from Wilkinson County on the above date, and John Davis is listed by White in "Historical Collections of Georgia," among the first settlers.

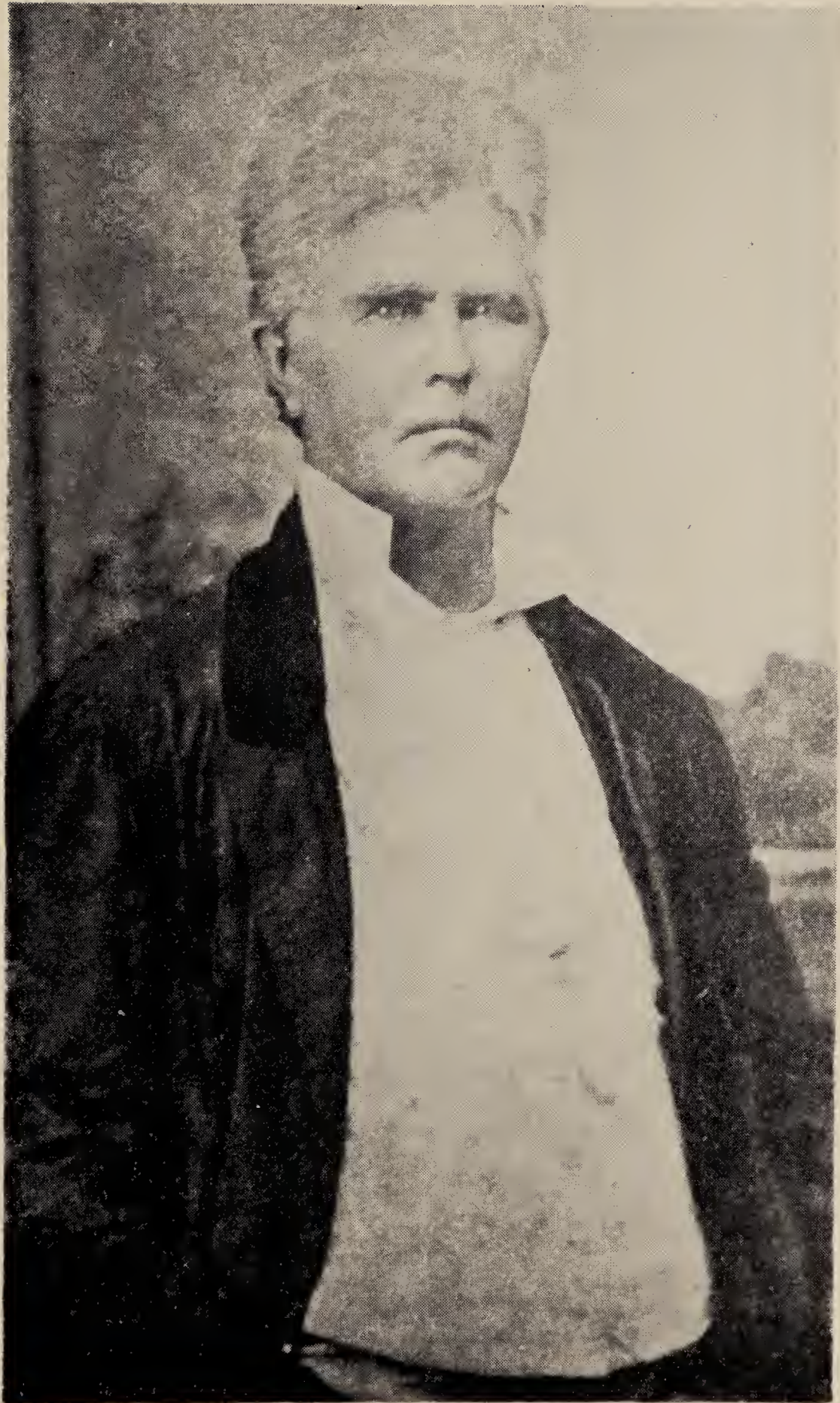
Wilkinson County Georgia was a part of the territory ceded by the Indians to the United States in 1803, when the distribution of the land was made by Lottery. It was rich, fertile land, and there was a great rush of settlers as soon as the area was opened, though there was still great danger from the hostile Indians.

William Davis grew up in Georgia during troublesome times. There was almost continuous warfare with the Indians, the Creeks and Cherokees in Georgia, and the Seminoles in Florida. Due to this ever present danger, every County was required to organize its Militia for protection. Our Federal Government was having troubles of its own, and could render little assistance, and all able bodied men between the ages of eighteen and forty-five were required to enroll. Hence we find William Davis as early as 1818 as a member of the Twiggs County Militia, going out with a Cavalry Company in an expedition against their formidable foe. Most of the trouble with the Creeks was over the disputed border between Georgia and Alabama, or Mississippi Territory, and it was there, along the Chattahooche, that William spent most of his time as a Militiaman. Even after the boundary disputes were settled with the Creeks, there was trouble in Alabama, with the Creeks to the North who were dissatisfied with the various treaties, and the matter was not finally settled, and peace declared until about 1840, several years after William and his family were permanently located in Alabama.

Our new, struggling Nation was having serious difficulties during this period—with England, with the French in



ELIZABETH BROWN GARDNER DAVIS



WILLIAM DAVIS

Louisiana, and with the Spanish in Florida, hence Georgia was dependent almost entirely on her Militia to defend her frontier. Though very definite laws had been set up governing the Militia, the organization was very inadequate. There was a Muster twice each year, when the men were supposed to report for duty, but the occasion was more of a holiday than a military function. There was no pay for the men, except when they were on active duty in an emergency. Each man had to furnish his own equipment, and usually his rations and that of his horse, if a cavalry unit, and after serving for a few weeks or even days, as the case might be, he was discharged. Such loose organization did not make for efficiency. The records of the service of William Davis in the Georgia Militia from Twiggs County in 1818, and of William and his brother David J. Davis in 1835 from Harris County are on file in the Archives Department of the State of Georgia, in Atlanta. The reports of the service of William Davis in the Twiggs County Cavalry, under command of Captain James Harrison, list two engagements in 1818, one lasting four days, beginning March 13th, 1818, and the other for nine days, May 9th, 1818. In making out his report, Captain Harrison lists the expenses of each man at 37½ cents per day, for each horse at 37½ cents per day, and for forage across the Okmulgee River \$2.00. The second expedition was for ten days service, on May 9th, 1818, but Captain Harrison reported that he was obliged to return after only nine days, as the provisions were exosted (sic). The record which lists both William Davis and his brother David J. Davis was signed by Capt. Thomas Kimbrough of Harris County, Capt. of the 67th Regiment of Georgia Militia, Second Brigade, 9th Division, under Gen. H. H. Lowe. Captain Kimbrough recited that the Ccmpany was mustered into service for the purpose of "guarding the river", that they were not mustered into the service of the United States, that they had furnished their own rations, and that they had not been paid. The term of service was for fifteen days, and the river mentioned was evidently the Chattahoochee, which separates Georgia from Alabama.

In the Georgia Land Lottery of 1820, William Davis of Evan's District, Twiggs County, drew Land Lot No. 308 in the 11th District of Early County. I have been unable to locate Evan's District, though I believe that the William Davis who drew in this Lottery was our William. Lottery Districts were the same as the Militia Districts, but few of the old Militia Districts have retained their names, and since there is no official record of these changes it is almost im-

possible to locate them. Early County was formed from the Creek Indian Lands and organized as a County in 1818. It is located on the border of Alabama where William spent most of his life. There was another William Davis in Twiggs County at that time, for he drew in the Lottery of 1821 from Blackshear's District, and drew Land Lot No. 172 in the 8th District of Monroe County, but he was not of our family, and he is evidently the William Davis found later in the records of Monroe. It is probable that William Davis was already living in Alabama at the time he served in the Georgia Militia in 1835, for members of the family have told me that William was there for several years before he moved his family there. Harris County, where he enlisted, is on the border of Alabama and Georgia, hence William was particularly interested in protecting his home and his interests in that locality.

William Davis' wife, Elizabeth Brown Gardner, whom he married in Wilkinson County Georgia, March 20th, 1823, by John King, J. P., was born in Columbia County Georgia, 1-14-1806, and was the only child of Lewis Gardner, Jr., and his wife Mary, whose maiden name we do not know. Lewis Gardner, Jr., died in Columbia County in 1810, when his daughter was only four years old. Mary Gardner after his death married Charles Leith in Richmond County Georgia, January 9th, 1813, with John Roberts as Security, and Isaac Herbert, Witness. They evidently moved to Baldwin County soon after their marriage, for on May 5th, 1818, Mary Leith went before the Court in Baldwin County and asked that Zachariah Chambless be appointed guardian of her daughter, Elizabeth B. Gardner, "Orphan of Lewis Gardner, Jr., deceased". Just what relationship she bore to Zachariah Chambless I do not know, but I do know that they were related for descendants of Zachariah visited back and forth with the Davis family in Texas, and they were known to all of us as cousins. The area in Baldwin County in which Mary and Charles Leith lived evidently became a part of Twiggs County with the changing of the County lines, for it is in Twiggs County that we have the last record of Mary Gardner Leith. The old records of the County were destroyed many years ago, with the exception of a few tax lists. On the tax list of 1825 Mary Leith is listed, and in the Lottery of 1827 she drew from Twiggs County as Mary Leith, Widow. According to her grandson, Britton Ware Davis, she lived to be more than ninety years old, and she and a widowed sister, Mrs. Ann Aldredge lived together in Twiggs County in their old age. From the records we have of Wilkinson, Baldwin

and Twiggs we know that the Davis family and Elizabeth Brown Gardner and her mother were close neighbors.

William Davis is listed in the Census of 1830 in Twiggs County Georgia with a wife, three sons, one daughter and nine slaves. We know that this is our William for the ages given for him, and his wife and four children correspond with the family records we have in William's Bible. Unfortunately, we have not been able to locate his land in Twiggs County, so that it could be marked on the map with the other members of the family, for the records of Twiggs County have been destroyed. William's father, John Davis Esquire, had died in 1826, and William was appointed Administrator of the estate, but before the final returns were made he had moved to Russell County Alabama. He moved to Russell County circa 1836, and the final returns of his father's estate were not made until after the death of his mother in 1845, and the minor children had reached their majority. Seven of William's twelve children were born in Twiggs County, and the first one to be born in Alabama, according to his Family Bible, was Elizabeth Brown Gardner Davis, who was born April 1st, 1836, though my grandfather, Lewis Gardner Davis, reported that William had been in Alabama for several years getting a home ready for his family, and that he took his two oldest sons, John and Lewis Gardner Davis, with him to help in this preparation.

William Davis was the only one of the children of John Davis Esquire to move to Alabama. The other children remained in Middle Georgia, in the vicinity of Macon, and the counties surrounding Bibb County, with the exception of Mariah Davis who married Vincent A. Hill and moved to Harris County, Georgia, and most of their descendants may be found in that area today. William's children however, appeared to have inherited his pioneering spirit, and several of them, the most venturesome, moved to Texas prior to the War between the States, and immediately following the close of the war.

William Davis was a prosperous and influential man and held many positions of honor and trust, both in Alabama and Georgia. Beginning in a modest way he finally acquired vast tracts of land on both sides of the Chattahoochee River, and was renowned, not only for his business judgment, but for his integrity and his patriotism. He owned slaves and large plantations, both in Russell and Lee Counties in Alabama, and in Muscogee, Stewart, and Chattahoochee counties in Georgia, just across the river. The land on which

Ft. Benning is located once belonged to William Davis. The old grist mill on the place, now known as Harp's Mill, was mentioned many times in the administration of his estate. The Harmony Church, attended by many of the family, was nearby.

Though William Davis was too old to serve in the Confederate Army, he performed valuable services for his Country, and was very active in political affairs in the decade beginning with 1855, the year that he moved to Chattahoochee County. In 1860 he was a Justice of the Inferior Court of the County, and in January of 1861 he represented the county in the Secession Convention which met in Milledgeville. Though he was not a Justice of the Court in 1861, he was appointed by the Court as a member of a committee of ten to look after the families of Confederate soldiers, to see that they were fed and clothed, and to see that the soldiers themselves had sufficient clothing and supplies. This committee was authorized to draw on the County Treasury for the necessary money. (Court Minutes, September 3rd, 1861.) Naturally he was especially interested in any duty assigned to him for the Confederacy, as all of his sons at this time were in the service, even Britton Ware Davis, who had enlisted at the age of fifteen.

When William Davis died in 1870, his son Benjamin Franklin Davis was appointed Administrator of the estate. Records of this administration give the names of the heirs, and their place of residence. These returns are very interesting, for they give us a very clear picture of the country and the times in which William Davis lived. The mill is mentioned many times, and a report is made on the repairs there, the money spent for labor by "freed men", presumably the freed slaves, and the various taxes. Among the many items listed as purchases were the following: Spencer and Abbott, Columbus, groceries, tobacco, and rye Whiskey, \$478.05; balance on a watch, \$50.00; one pair of specks, \$4.00; silver chain, \$12.00; a wagon, \$145.00; ladies Morocco shoes, \$2.00; hair net, .50; shawl, \$5.00; balmoral, \$4.00; crape set, \$2.00; jet pin, .50; hoop skirt, \$1.00. It is impossible to list the report in full, but I wish that all of William's descendants might see the report. Among some of the old papers was a note which he had signed, and it gave me quite a thrill to see his actual signature, which was in beautiful penmanship of the period, and not the scrawl of the untutored and uneducated.

William Davis was a remarkable man, lived a full life, performed valuable services for his Country, both in Georgia, where he was born, and in the state of Alabama which he helped to develop, and was useful up to the time of his death in 1870.

WILLIAM DAVIS AND HIS DESCENDANTS

- 1-1. William Davis, eldest child of John Davis, Esquire, and Rebecca Jones, b. Burke County Georgia, 4-27-1798, d. Chattahoochee County Georgia, 9-18-1870, and is buried in Salem, Alabama, where he lived most of his adult life. He married 1) in Wilkinson County Georgia, 3-20-1823, Elizabeth Brown Gardner, b. Columbia County Georgia, 1-14-1806, d. 6-7-1853 in Russell County Alabama, and buried in Salem, Alabama. William Davis married 2), 12-7-1854, Mrs. Rebecca Walker, childless widow of Jeremiah Walker, and moved from Russell County, Alabama, to Chattahoochee County Georgia, where he died. Rebecca Walker Davis died in 1868, leaving a will in Chattahoochee County, in which she named her husband William Davis and various nieces and nephews for whom William was guardian. All of the children of William Davis were by his first wife, Elizabeth Brown Gardner, and were as follows: Mary L. Davis, Dr. John Davis, Lewis Gardner Davis, William Davis, George Washington Davis, Rebecca Jones Davis, Thomas Jefferson Davis, Elizabeth Gardner Davis, Benjamin Franklin Davis, Georgia C. Davis, James Monroe Davis, Britton Ware Davis.

Issue of William Davis and Elizabeth Brown Gardner:

- 1-1-1. Mary L. Davis, b. 1-3-1824 in Twiggs County Georgia, d. 1871, m. 10-18-1844, Bedford D. W. Harris of Dover, Alabama. Mary L. Davis Harris and her husband were living in Elmore County Alabama when her father died in 1870, according to the records of the administration of the estate in Chattahoochee County Georgia in that year, when they were listed among the heirs. When the final report of the Administrator was made in 1861, they were not listed, for Mary had died a year after her father's death. Only her children were listed in the final report.

Issue of Mary L. Davis and Bedford D. W. Harris:

- 1-1-1-1. George W. Harris, b. 7-4-1845, d. 2-17-1902, m. Nancy

Caroline Edwards, and lived on a farm near Phenix City, Alabama.

Issue:

1-1-1-1-1. Josephine Harris, b. 1-6-1864, m. John Knowles, and lived in Phenix City.

Issue:

1-1-1-1-1-1. Nellie Knowles.

1-1-1-1-2. Mary Harris, b. 12-6-1866, m. 1) E. W. Carroll in 1890, m. 2) C. V. Stephens. Lived in Lee County, Ala.

Issue:

1-1-1-1-2-1. Fannie W. Carroll, b. 7-17-1891.

1-1-1-1-2-2. Ernest Carroll, b. 1895.

1-1-1-1-2-3. Parnell Carroll, b. 2-15-1896.

1-1-1-1-3. James Monroe Harris, b. 12-24-1868. Unmarried.

1-1-1-1-4. Elizabeth Harris, b. 1-20-1870, d. 7-3-1938, m. James Bradford.

Issue:

1-1-1-1-4-1. Robert H. Bradford.

1-1-1-1-4-2. Fred H. Bradford.

1-1-1-1-5. Lula Harris, b. 10-16-1872, m. Arthur Hood, Lee County, Alabama.

Issue:

1-1-1-1-5-1. Frank Hood, Phenix City, Ala.

1-1-1-1-5-2. Corrine Hood, Puerto Rico.

1-1-1-1-6. Lorena Harris, b. 8-19-1875. Unmarried.

1-1-1-1-7. Effie Harris, b. 2-22-1878, m. 9-25-1899, L. D. Edward.

Issue:

1-1-1-1-7-1. Eleanor Edward, m. Tony Defigio.

1-1-1-1-8. William Bedford D. Harris, b. 9-16-1879, d. 12-7-1937, m. Mary Franklin, Phenix City, Ala.

Issue:

1-1-1-1-8-1. Charlie Harris.

1-1-1-1-8-2. Leila Mae Harris.

1-1-1-1-8-3. Eugene Harris.

1-1-1-1-9. Lavinia Harris, b. 4-26-1881, m. 2-24-1909, Thomas E. Coffield, No issue.

1-1-1-2. John W. Harris, second child of Mary L. Davis and Bedford D. W. Harris, married and had five children, but the name of his wife is unknown.

Issue:

1-1-1-2-1. Alexander Harris.

1-1-1-2-2. Ray Harris.

1-1-1-2-3. Annie Harris.

1-1-1-2-4. Fannie Harris.

1-1-1-2-5. Betty Harris.

1-1-1-3. Bedford D. W. Harris, Jr. Unmarried.

1-1-1-4. Theodore (or Theophilus) Harris, m. Miss Richardson.

1-1-1-5. Elizabeth Harris. Unmarried.

1-1-1-6. Rose A. Harris. Unmarried.

1-1-1-7. Lula (Lavinia) Harris, m. John Bowden.

Issue:

1-1-1-7-1. J. B. Bowden.

1-1-1-7-2. Annie Lou Bowden.

1-1-1-7-3. Ada Bowden.

1-1-1-7-4. Clifford Bowden.

1-1-2. Dr. John Davis, b. 7-19-1825 in Twiggs County, Georgia, d. Salem, Lee County, Alabama, circa 1888, m. Louise Yates, b. 1820, a New York school teacher who came to Alabama to teach.

Dr. John Davis was a Dentist, and practiced his profession in many parts of the country. He seemed to be one of the restless members of the family, and moved frequently, hence the records of him and his family are meager. He went to California in the Gold rush days with the Forty Niners, lived for a short time in Upshur County, Texas, later cut off into Camp County, where several of his brothers lived, and in 1870 he was living in Muscogee County, Georgia. However, he moved back to Lee County, Ala. before his death, where he is listed in 1880 Census and operated his farm there while still practicing dentistry. He was stricken in his field by what was called at that time "cramp colic", and died immediately.

Issue:

1-1-2-1. Kate Davis, b. 1859, d. at age of 25. Unmarried.

1-1-2-2. Frank Davis. (Not listed in 1880 Census

1-1-2-3. Winfield Davis. with John Davis family)

There may have been other children though we have no record of them.

1-1-3. Lewis (Louis) Gardner Davis, familiarly known as "Luke", was born in Twiggs County Georgia, April 4th, 1827, died in Pittsburg, Camp County Texas, July 10th, 1893, married in Russell Co. Alabama, January 11th, 1848, Margaret (Peggy) Jane Aldredge, daughter of Nathan Aldredge and Alizannah (Alcy) Hanson. Margaret Jane Aldredge was born in Morgan County, Ga., April 4th, 1828, died in Pittsburg, Texas, August 26th, 1892.

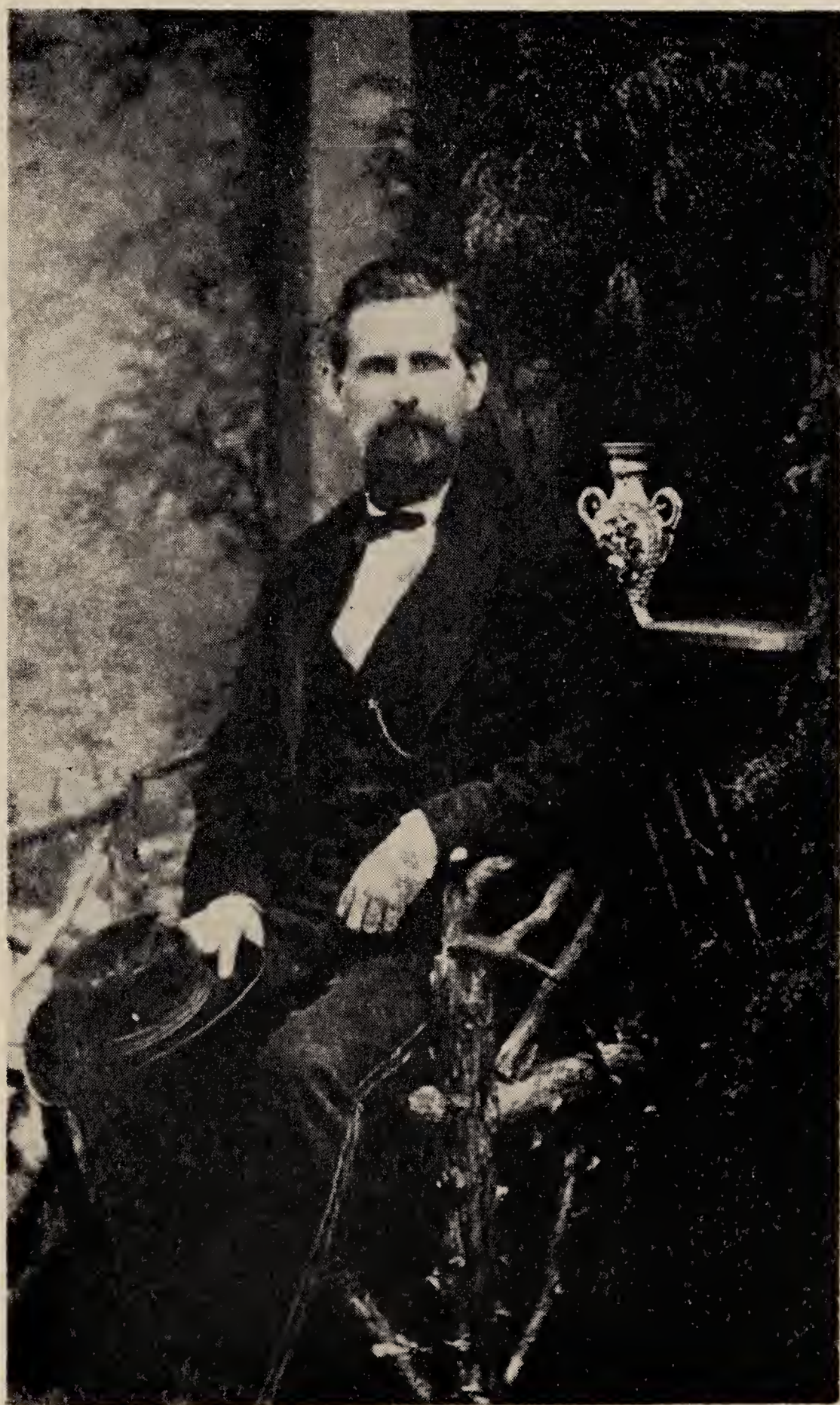
Lewis Gardner Davis was a very remarkable man, and, was a typical frontiersman of that day, temperamentally suited to the life in Alabama where he had come to live as a small child with his parents, while the Indians were still giving trouble to the early settlers, and every man was responsible for his own destiny. Though stern and forbidding in manner, and uncompromising in his discipline, he had a warm heart, under the cold exterior, and though exacting implicit obedience from every member of his family, he was always fair and just. His word was law to every member of his household, yet he was regarded by all of them with warm affection. War clouds had started to gather soon after his marriage, and he enlisted in the Confederate Army at Columbus Ga. just across the Chattahoochee River from his home in Ala., immediately after war was declared, leaving his wife with four small children to care for, in addition to the added responsibility of the care of the plantation where they lived near the village of Salem, at that time in Russell County, Alabama, though cut off into Lee County in 1867.

Lewis Gardner Davis was enlisted by Capt. Fickling in Columbus, Georgia on August 1st, 1861 and became a member of Company B. 28th Battalion, Georgia Siege Art. This Battalion was commanded by Major Richard Vanderhorst Bonneau (Bonaud), a graduate of West Point, who resigned his commission in the U. S. Army when the South Seceded and offered his services to the Confederacy. Lewis Gardner Davis enlisted as a private, was promoted as a Second Lieutenant, and later as a First Lieutenant. He was called "Captain" Davis all of his life, but the last official record that we have of him lists him as a First Lieutenant. On May 1st, 1865 he appeared on the rolls of Company K. 1st Georgia Regulars, when he was paroled at Greensboro, N. C. in accordance with the terms agreed upon on April 26th 1865 between General Joseph E. Johnston of the Confederate Army, and Maj. General W. T. Sherman, Commander of the U. S. Army in North Carolina. (National Archives, Old Records Division.)

Lewis Gardner Davis returned to his home in Alabama when the war was over, but he found a very different Alabama. Though his wife had managed the plantation, under the most trying circumstances, with



MARGARET JANE DAVIS



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the greatest ability, for she was one of the most efficient and versatile of women, confusion and despondency were present everywhere. He served for one term as Tax Collector of his County after the war, but shortly made plans to move to Texas. Texas had been the land of promise to him and his family for some time for a number of his relatives and relatives of his wife—the Aldredges, Hansons, and Bullocks—had preceded him to Texas. Isaac and John Aldredge had gone to Texas in 1830, as soldiers in the Texas Revolution, recruited in Macon, Georgia, Isaac dying at San Jacinto and John at Goliad, and Samuel Pierce Aldredge, Margaret Jane Davis' brother was already located at Pittsburg, Texas, as well as George Washington Davis, brother of Lewis Gardner Davis. So, though there was much sorrow at leaving parents and relatives in Alabama, the final decision was made, and the year 1869 found the family in Texas. Lewis, his wife, and youngest child, Charles Gardner Davis, went by boat, while the two older sons, William Hanson Davis, and Nathan Aldredge Davis came overland in wagons with the cattle, household goods, and the negro servants, who refused to be left behind.

My father, Charles Gardner Davis, has told me many times of that historic trip. Just how they traveled to New Orleans is uncertain, though my father insisted that the entire trip from Alabama to Texas was made by boat, starting from Columbus, Georgia on the Chattahoochee, thence to the Gulf of Mexico and to New Orleans, and from New Orleans on the Mississippi, Red River, and Big Cypress to Jefferson. Since there were no railroads, the last lap of the journey, from Jefferson to Pittsburg, was made by hack. The boat trip was particularly exciting to Charles, a little boy of about eleven years of age, though he had made another trip by boat, during the war, when he and his mother had sailed down the Chattahoochee to Florida to see his father who was stationed there in the Confederate Army with Major Bonneau (Bonaud).

Lewis Gardner Davis brought sixty families of Negroes with him to Texas, carpenters, blacksmiths, house servants, field hands, and others, whom he intended to install on his new lands as tenant farm-

ers. Camp County, Texas, today is filled with the descendants of those Alabama Negroes.

Though Lewis Gardner Davis loved the soil, and had been a farmer all of his life, he was always interested in politics and government, and took an active part in civic affairs in his County and State. He was an early Commissioner in Camp County, soon after its organization from Upshur County, and served several terms in the State Legislature. As an illustration of his love for the land, and the importance he placed on it, his was one of the few negative votes cast when the Texas Legislature voted to pay the contractors who built the State Capitol in Austin in Texas land, to the amount of more than three million acres. He felt that this amount was outrageous, and so expressed himself.

Lewis Gardner Davis was the typical Patriarch, and his home was always open to his relatives and a refuge for them in time of trouble. He reared several of his grandchildren, including Margaret and Elizabeth Davis, children of his eldest son William by his first wife, Kirk and Will Holland, children of his only daughter Mollie, who died when the children were quite young, and numerous other kin folk. His wife's sister, Mrs. Mary Ann Arnold, spent much of her time with them after her husband's death, and as was the hospitable custom of the Old South, numerous relatives "came to dinner", and remained for years.

In personal appearance, Lewis Gardner Davis was very striking, as he was rather tall, had bright red hair, piercing gray eyes, high cheek bones, and a commanding presence. Margaret Jane Davis, known as "Jane", never openly crossed him, whom she called "Mr. Davis" all of her life, but in her own quiet Scotch way, she knew how to manage him, and made a success of it, as they were a serenely happy married couple.

The little city of Pittsburg, Texas, where so many of the Davises and Aldredges lived, had its beginning in 1854 when Major William Pitts of Warren County, Georgia decided to make that area his home. Disgusted with the more or less worn out land in Georgia, he set out overland, with ox teams and carriages, carrying his household goods, his servants, and his family to seek a new home in Texas, where taxes



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were low, and land was fertile and cheap. Worn out with his long trek of many weary weeks, he finally arrived at the present site of Pittsburg, though at that time it was a formidable wilderness, and decided that he would go no further. With the aid of his servants and his family, he built a temporary home, and in 1858 bought 3000 acres of land from the State of Texas, setting aside fifty acres for a town site which he named Pittsburg. At that time this particular area was in Upshur County, but in 1874, by an act of the Texas Legislature, it was cut off to form Camp County, and named for the Legislator from Upshur County who had introduced the bill.

George Washington Davis, brother of Lewis Gardner Davis, was one of the first merchants in Pittsburg, and one of the organizers of the first bank—the Camp County Bank—along with his nephew, Charles Gardner Davis, who was Cashier and Manager, and E. F. M. Wilkinson, who was named President.

Issue of Lewis Gardner Davis and Margaret Jane Aldredge:

- 1-1-3-1. William Hanson Davis, b. Russell County, Alabama, 2-6-1849, d. 10-22-1903 in Pittsburg, Texas, m. 1) in Salem, Alabama, 2-22-1870, Annie Jane Jamima Sturkie, b. 9-22-1849, d. 9-7-1875, m. 2) 7-18-1876 Lou McGuire Smith, b. 3-6-1856 in Troy, Ala., died in Pittsburg, Texas.

William Hanson Davis was more like his father than any of the children, having the same tall stature, keen gray eyes, and superb physique, but unlike his father, he was friendly and full of life, and his home in the country was always the center of hospitality. He had a large and interesting family, twelve children in all, three by his first wife, and nine by his last wife. By the time most of his children were grown, square dancing had lost its popularity in the towns, but was still a popular form of entertainment in the country, and the various relatives in Pittsburg liked nothing better than to go out to Uncle Will's for a square dancing frolic, and a bounteous country dinner.

Issue by first wife:

- 1-1-3-1-1. Margaret Ann Davis, b. 1-9-1871, d. 1-31-1926, m. 1) Benjamin Wilkes, m. 2) Robert Tapp, m. 3) J. N. Brown. Margaret Davis was educated at Mary Nash College, an early day Texas College in Sherman, and taught



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for many years in a Government Indian School in Alaska. No issue.

- 1-1-3-1-2. Elizabeth Brown Davis, b. 1-23-1873, d. 7-19-1949 in Wharton, Texas, m. 6-5-1895 in Pittsburg, Texas, John Thomas Murphy, b. 6-28-1871, d. 9-11-1950, in Wharton, Texas. Elizabeth Brown Davis Murphy had no children of her own, though she reared a large family, and gave them a splendid education. Her father and step mother died when their four youngest children were quite young, and she took over the responsibility of their upbringing, as well as being foster mother to the daughter of her brother, Lewis (Louis) Gardner Davis, Jr., and his wife Kitty Floyd Davis, both of whom had died while their daughter was very young.

Elizabeth Brown Davis Murphy was a pioneer business woman, and in the day when few women undertook any work outside the home, she made an outstanding success by her business ability. In her early childhood she and her sister Margaret made their home with their grandparents, but since they lived in the country, she moved to Pittsburg when she was about seventeen, where she lived with her Uncle, Charles Gardner Davis, and served as his Deputy County and District Clerk and Office Manager for many years. (Charles Gardner Davis was County and District Clerk for Camp County for seventeen years.) After her marriage she and her husband entered the hardware business, of which she was an active partner, and she continued her active participation in the conduct of the business up to the time of her death, which occurred in Wharton where she lived for so many years. Besides her interest in this business, she had various other interests and was an active force in civic and community projects wherever she lived. "Miss Lizzie" was admired and loved by all who knew her.

- 1-1-3-1-3. Samuel Sturkie Davis, b. 2-22-1875, d. 7-8-1875.

Issue by second wife, Lou McGuire Smith:

- 1-1-3-1-4. Lewis (Louis) Gardner Davis, Jr., b. 1-13-1879, d. 10-20-1909, m. 1-31-1900 Kitty Clyde Floyd, d. 2-2-1918.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-1-4-1. Ruby Floyd Davis, b. 11-22-1905, m. 8-22-1929 Robert Edwards Wynne, b. 10-29-1905.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-1-4-1-1. Katherine Anne Wynne, b. 11-1-1948, d. 5-19-1950.

- 1-1-3-1-4-1-2. Carol Jean Wynne, b. 1-4-1950.

1-1-3-1-5. Willie Pearl Davis, b. 2-19-1881, d. 12-1-1914, m. John Edge. No issue.

1-1-3-1-6. Eula Mae Davis, b. 12-18-1883, McKinney, Texas, m. 12-24-1902 Oscar Bass, b. 12-30-1881, d. 9-30-1932.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-6-1. Geraldine Davis Bass, b. 10-15-1903, d. 1-13-1933.

1-1-3-1-6-2. William Clayton Bass, b. 1-29-1907, m. 1) Leona—

Issue:

1-1-3-1-6-2-1. Carol Bass.

1-1-3-1-6-2-2. Darlene Bass.

William Clayton Bass, m. 2) Frances Pope.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-6-2-3. William Clayton Bass, Jr.

1-1-3-1-6-3. Eula Ruth Bass, b. 5-21-1913, m. 9-13-1952 Paul M. Brewer.

Eula Ruth Bass is an efficient business woman, and lived at one time in South America where she was employed by the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey.

1-1-3-1-6-4. Mary Lucile Bass, b. 12-23-1914, m. 12-24-1932 Clifford Lee Connell.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-6-4-1. Michael Lee Connell, b. 6-24-1935.

1-1-3-1-6-4-2. Sandra Sue Connell, b. 5-3-1943.

1-1-3-1-6-4-3. Kenneth Randall Connell, b. 9-8-1950.

1-1-3-1-6-5. Juanita Sue Bass, b. 9-18-1918, m. 1940 to Henry Logan Ware.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-6-5-1. Linda Sue Ware, b. 5-15-1944.

1-1-3-1-6-5-2. Cynthia Ann Ware, b. 11-9-1945.

1-1-3-1-6-6. Hazel Maurice Bass, b. 7-13-1924, m. 9-23-1941 Pierrepont Harrell.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-6-6-1. Donald Pierrepont Harrell, b. 5-1-1945.

1-1-3-1-6-6-2. Douglas Ray Harrell, b. 12-5-1946.

1-1-3-1-6-6-3. Barbara Ellen Harrell, b. 7-30-1951.

1-1-3-1-6-7. Oscar Davis Bass, b. 7-15-1926, d. in February 1950 while serving in the U. S. Coast Guard. Oscar Davis Bass was a Hospital mate, First Class in the U. S. Coast Guard, and was killed in an automobile accident on Iwa Jima. He had previously served with the Navy for two and a half years in World War II as a Pharmacist Mate at Guadalcanal, Woodlark Island, and New Zealand, but

had transferred to the Coast Guard at the time of his death.

1-1-3-1-6-8. Mabel Jane Bass, b. 5-13-1921, d. 7-15-1922.

1-1-3-1-7. Ina Jewel Davis, b. 6-30-1886, Eastland County, Texas, m. 6-16-1908 Earl Adam Hawk.

Ina Davis was educated at Mrs. Lamar's school in Camp County, Texas, and taught school until her marriage.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-7-1. Julia Louise Hawk, b. Big Spring, Texas, 6-25-1909, successful career girl with the Texas Company.

1-1-3-1-7-2. Paul Crawford Hawk, b. Big Spring, Texas, 10-7-1910, m. 3-17-1932 Mary Elizabeth Meadows.

1-1-3-1-7-3. Virginia Ann Hawk, b. Big Spring, Texas, 7-20-1913, m. 5-16-1938 J. H. Frederick, Jr.

1-1-3-1-7-4. Clyde Davis Hawk, b. Big Spring, Texas, 8-6-1916, m. 2-12-1941 Lt. Charles Addison Beckham, later promoted, and now a Colonel, with permanent station at West Point.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-7-4-1. Barbara Jane Beckham, b. 10-16-1949 in Tokyo, Japan, where her father was stationed.

1-1-3-1-7-5. Jack Adam Hawk, b. 10-3-1923, m. 1-7-1946 Patricia Lowe.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-7-5-1. Cheryl Ann Hawk, b. 11-8-1946.

1-1-3-1-7-6. Mary Evelyn Hawk, b. 5-2-1925, m. 5-20-1945 Eugene Gordon Lee.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-7-6-1. Michael Gordon Lee, b. 3-5-1946.

1-1-3-1-8. Katherine Davis, b. 8-4-1888, d. 5-11-1937, m. in 1913 W. R. Matherly.

No issue.

1-1-3-1-9. Charles Aldredge Davis, b. 9-1-1890, m. 4-22-1930 Gladys Davidson, b. 2-28-1896.

Charles Aldredge Davis is a resident of Wharton, Texas, and a partner with his late sister and brother in law, the Murphys, in the hardware business. A progressive business man, he is also interested in politics and government, and as a staunch Democrat, he and his wife, a former member of the State Democratic Executive Committee, are ever ready to defend democratic principles and policies, and to work for the upbuilding of their county, state, and Nation.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-9-1. Charles Aldredge Davis, Jr., b. 9-7-1935.

1-1-3-1-10. Juanita Jane Davis, b. 5-14-1893, m. 1) 6-11-1925 Lon Montgomery, m. 2) 8-31-1945 Henry Le Tulle. Juanita Jane Davis was educated at Texas State College for Women, and has been a successful teacher in the Houston Public Schools for many years.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-10-1. Billie Frances Montgomery, b. 6-21-1926.

1-1-3-1-11. Mary Lou Davis, b. 4-11-1897, m. 12-30-1922 in Wharton, Texas, to Arthur John Derigo.

Mary Lou Davis Derigo was educated at Texas State College for Women, and followed the profession of teaching until her marriage. Since her children have been grown she has taken an active part in the conduct of the Murphy-Davis Hardware Company, though she has always found time to participate in all civic activities of her city, where she is universally loved. She is a member of Alpha Gamma Delta Sorority.

Issue of Mary Lou Davis and Arthur John Derigo:

1-1-3-1-11-1. Elizabeth Louise Derigo, b. 10-20-1923, m. 4-12-1944 Raymond Henry Waddell.

Elizabeth Louise Derigo Waddell was educated at the University of Texas where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-11-1-1. John William Waddell, b. 9-5-1946.

1-1-3-1-11-1-2. Richard Henry Waddell, b. 10-28-1947.

1-1-3-1-11-1-3. Davis Raymond Waddell, b. 10-5-1949.

1-1-3-1-11-2. Arthur John Derigo, Jr., b. 2-6-1925.

Arthur John Derigo, Jr., served in the Marines in World War II.

1-1-3-1-11-3. Mary Dolores Derigo, b. 10-20-1931, m. 12-2-1950 James R. Reed, Jr.

Delores Derigo was educated at the University of Texas where she was a member of Alpha Delta Pi Sorority.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-11-3-1. Mary Ann Reed, b. 7-15-1951.

1-1-3-1-12. Clyde Celeste Davis, b. 12-27-1899, m. 8-22-1931 Charles Nelles Watson.

Clyde Davis Watson, like most of her sisters, was educated as a teacher, at Texas State College for Women, Columbia, etc., and has taught successfully in various parts of the



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country. Along with her teaching she has found time to take part in many civic activities in her home in New York.

Issue:

1-1-3-1-12-1. Charles N. Watson, Jr., b. 9-14-1939.

1-1-3-1-12-2. John Davis Watson, b. 12-7-1941.

1-1-3-2. Mary A. (Mollie) Davis, second child of Lewis Gardner Davis and Margaret Jane Aldredge, b. Salem, Alabama, 12-7-1850, married twice, to two brothers, first to George Holland who died within a short time after the marriage, and second to Hugh Parks Holland in 1874.

Issue:

1-1-3-2-1. Kirk Davis Holland, b. 11-18-1875, m. 12-12-1900 Dora Walkup.

Issue:

1-1-3-2-1-1. James Hugh Holland, b. 2-7-1905, d. 10-24-1918.

1-1-3-2-1-2. Kirk Davis Holland, Jr., b. 7-12-1909, m. Virginia Stone.

1-1-3-2-2. William Washington Holland, b. Reagan, Texas, 1877, m. 1) Ida Rotan, m. 2) Carrie———.

Issue of first marriage:

1-1-3-2-2-1. Winnie Mae Holland.

Issue of second marriage:

1-1-3-2-2-2. Clinton Hugh Holland.

1-1-3-3. Nathan Aldredge Davis, b. 12-6-1852 in Salem, Russell County, Alabama, d. 3-1-1932 in Marshall, Texas, m. 3-23-1880 in Pittsburg, Texas, Nora Lee Reeves, b. 6-16-1862 in Georgia, d. 9-9-1925 in Marshall, Texas.

Nathan Aldredge Davis was called "Archie" all of his life and most people thought the A in his name stood for "Archie". However, the name had its origin in the fact that his young brother, Charles, was unable to pronounce Aldredge, and called his brother "Auchie" in an effort to say "Aldredge", and the name stuck to him throughout the years.

Nathan Aldredge Davis was a farmer, and in contrast to those around him, was what we today would call a progressive farmer, for he believed in using all of the latest scientific methods in his farm and cattle raising program. He not only had a large farm, but a stock farm as well, where he was always experimenting with new breeds of cattle, and operated a cotton gin, which in season was a very busy place indeed. He was rather small in stature, and was more akin to the Aldredges in looks and in disposition than his older



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brother William. He loved people and made friends easily. and could always tell a merry story, hence he was very popular with all of the kith and kin. He was greatly interested in his family background, and his native Alabama, for he was old enough when the family moved to Texas to remember many of his relatives who were left behind. It was through him that I was able to get much of the data about the Alabama Davises and Aldredges and to make connection with them. He often spoke of going back to Alabama with me to visit the old landmarks, but his death intervened. In his later years he moved from Pittsburg to Marshall, Texas, in order to be with his two children who lived there, but he always missed the farm which was his home for most of his life.

Issue of Nathan Aldredge Davis and Nora Lee Reeves:

1-1-3-3-1. Frank Davis, b. Pittsburg, Texas, 12-26-1881, d. 3-14-1942 in Marshall, Texas, m. 5-11-1909 in Woodlawn, Texas to Texie Blalock, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. E. B. Blalock. Frank Davis was an exceptionally successful business man, and strictly by his own efforts, energy, ability, and enthusiasm built up a large fortune. He was not interested in a College education, though he attended for a short time, an early day school conducted by Mrs. Lamar, of Leesburg, Texas. While still a young boy he decided to go into business for himself, which resulted in the Marshall Grain and Elevator Company. In later years, he had many other business interests, but the grain business continued to hold his interest until his death. In disposition he was friendly and fun loving, with an abiding loyalty to his old friends. He was generous to a fault, and never failed to respond to calls to him for various charities, and public enterprises in his home town, where he was universally loved and admired. He was a great favorite of my mother, who loved him devotedly, and could never find any fault in him, though his fun loving disposition sometimes caused escapades which were frowned on by some of the relatives, whom, as I have said before, were mostly stern and forbidding in disposition. There was hardly an enterprise in Marshall in which he was not interested, and nothing started for the public welfare in which he did not have an active part.

Issue of Frank Davis and Texie Blalock:

1-1-3-3-1-1. Texie B. Davis, b. 11-13-1910, m. 1) 6-5-1929 Dud-

ley H. Snyder, Jr., m. 2) Lieutenant Jack Carson, 9-21-1942, m. 3) 1-6-1950 Ray Musser.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-1-1-1. Dudley H. Snyder, 3rd, b. 7-14-1930.
- 1-1-3-3-1-1-2. Frank Davis Snyder, b. 4-6-1933.
- 1-1-3-3-1-1-3. Jackie Carson, b. 4-24-1943.
- 1-1-3-3-1-1-4. Susan Musser, daughter of Ray Musser by former wife, b. 10-2-1946.
- 1-1-3-3-1-2. Dorothy Davis, b. 4-2-1913, m. 9-2-1935 Dudley Wright Taylor.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-1-2-1. Dudley Davis Taylor, b. 5-16-1937.
- 1-1-3-3-1-2-2. Texie Taylor, b. 12-21-1940.
- 1-1-3-3-2. Annie Davis, b. 12-10-1883, m. 1) Claude Arnold, m. 2) M. S. Mason, m. 3) 3-1-1935 Tom C. Norman.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-2-1. Frank Davis Mason, m. 11-24-1926 Helen Lois Shumate.
- 1-1-3-3-3. Nora Davis, b. 11-28-1891, m. 11-12-1912 Stephen Louis Moore, b. 9-16-1888 in Paris, Texas.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-3-1. Mary Jane Moore, b. 6-9-1917, m. 9-6-1935 William Neal Estes.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-3-1-1. Janet Clair Estes, b. 10-28-1936.
- 1-1-3-3-3-1-2. William Neal Estes, Jr., b. 7-16-1941.
- 1-1-3-3-3-2. Stephen Louis Moore, Jr., b. 1-29-1932.
- 1-1-3-3-4. Irby Lee Davis, b. 8-27-1900, m. 9-18-1918 Bryan Blalock, b. 11-16-1895.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-4-1. Irby Lee Blalock, b. 11-12-1920, m. 9-30-1943 George Prendergast, Jr.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-4-1-1. Becky Prendergast, b. 9-26-1945.
- 1-1-3-3-4-1-2. Bonnie Prendergast, b. 7-3-1947.
- 1-1-3-3-4-2. Betty Bryan Blalock, b. 4-25-1928, m. 2-4-1949 Lawrence Daly Williams.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-3-4-2-1. Lawrence Daly Williams, Jr., b. 11-21-1950.
- 1-1-3-4. Charles Gardner Davis, youngest child of Lewis Gardner Davis and Margaret Jane Aldredge, b. Russell County, Alabama, near the village of Salem, 10-19-1858,

d. Sulphur Springs, Texas, 2-16-1938, married in Pittsburg, Texas, 3-30-1882 Martha (Mattie) Alice Lockett, b. Marion County, Texas, 4-5-1859, d. Abilene, Texas, 3-12-1910.

Charles Gardner Davis, the youngest child of Lewis Gardner Davis and his wife, Margaret Jane Aldredge, was the only member of his family who was not a farmer, though at one time he owned extensive farming land in Camp County, Texas, where he lived most of his life. He was rather small in stature, with bright blue eyes, characteristic of most of the Davis and Aldredge families, and fair in complexion though he had black hair. He was quiet and retiring in disposition, and not stern like his father, but he was "hard headed" like most of his forbears, and when once he had made up his mind about anything, he had the courage of his convictions, and nothing could change him. He received the very best education that the country afforded at that particular time, and was highly intellectual. His first college experience was at Trinity University, a Presbyterian college, at that time located at Tehuacana, Texas, later moved to Waxahachie, and now a flourishing college in San Antonio, Texas. Since the Davises were ardent Baptists, and Richmond College, in Richmond, Virginia, a Baptist institution, was the foremost college in the South at that time, his parents sent him there to complete his academic education, and he received his diploma there in 1880 in "the School of English", followed by graduation at Poughkeepsie, New York, from Eastman Business College. Since money was still scarce in the South where the patriots had not yet recovered from the devastation of the War, Charlie Davis did not come home from Virginia until he had finished his college education. Most of his vacations were spent with College friends, the Josh Hubbards, at Rice, Virginia, where he was a welcome member of the family and shared the duties of the other children.

When Charlie Davis was in College in Richmond he kept a diary, which he called "Self Advertise", and many of the entries illustrate what a stern disciplinarian he had for a father. He was required among other chores to read a chapter of the Bible every night, keep a record of all letters written, and record the number of hours he spent in study each day, what he spent for amusements and how often he attended BAPTIST church services. He was a member of Mu Sigma Rho, a secret society, which seemed to be primarily interested in debate. He was an enthusiastic debater, and



MR. AND MRS. CHARLES GARDNER DAVIS

won the medal for oratory the year he entered college in 1877.

When Charlie Davis returned to Pittsburg, after his graduation at Eastman Business College, he helped organize Pittsburg's first bank in cooperation with his Uncle, George Washington Davis, and E. M. F. Wilkinson, and was appointed Cashier and Manager, but he did not remain long in the bank, for he was interested in a more active occupation and soon engaged in the business which was to occupy him the rest of his life—the cotton business. He was a successful business man and absorbed in his work, but he always had time to give to civic affairs, politics and government. He served as County and District Clerk in Camp County for sixteen years, was Mayor of the town soon after it was incorporated, and an officer in the Masonic Lodge. He was an early advocate of Woman Suffrage, for he believed in women and their abilities, and was always urging the women of his family and his friends to enter business. He was warm-hearted and generous, as well as credulous where his friends were concerned, causing him to lose considerable money on several occasions because of this characteristic. In addition to his cotton business, he entered into the lumber business about 1900 and organized two companies of which he was President, the Progressive Lumber Company and the Commercial Lumber Company. One company controlled the saw mills and the other controlled the lumber yards, established all over Texas. It was an unfortunate venture, for when the Panic of 1907 came, he lost most of the money he had made in the cotton business.

Charlie Davis was especially fortunate in his selection of a wife, for she had an education equal to his own, in a day when few women in the South had a college education, and was the most capable of women. She was educated at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, the state where her parents were born, and was able throughout her life to instill the value of education in her children. She was capable, versatile, charitable, sympathetic, and forthright, and never shirked a duty or responsibility which she believed she should bear. Since her husband was the only member of his family who did not live in the country, most of the children of his two brothers, when they had reached the limits of the country schools came to her home in Pittsburg to live while attending the Pittsburg schools—Annie and Norah Davis, children of Nathan Aldredge Davis; Elizabeth, Louis, and Willie Davis, children of William Davis, as well as a nephew of her own, McLean Russell, and a Lockett cousin, Johnnie

Lockett. Thus there was always an assorted group of youngsters for her to care for, but she assumed these extra responsibilities with fortitude and understanding, and seemed happy to have them with her. At least, there was never a dull moment in the Davis household! Her death was a serious blow to her family, and though Charles Davis outlived his wife 28 years, he never remarried. Though he was in his eightieth year at the time of his death, caused by an automobile accident in Sulphur Springs, Texas, he was still active in business, and as mentally alert as a young man. At the time of his death he was living in Texarkana, Texas, where he had moved after his wife's death, and where he was engaged in the cotton business. (For details of the life of Martha Lockett Davis, see Vol. 1, *Southern Kith and Kin*).

Issue of Charles Gardner Davis and Martha Alice Lockett:

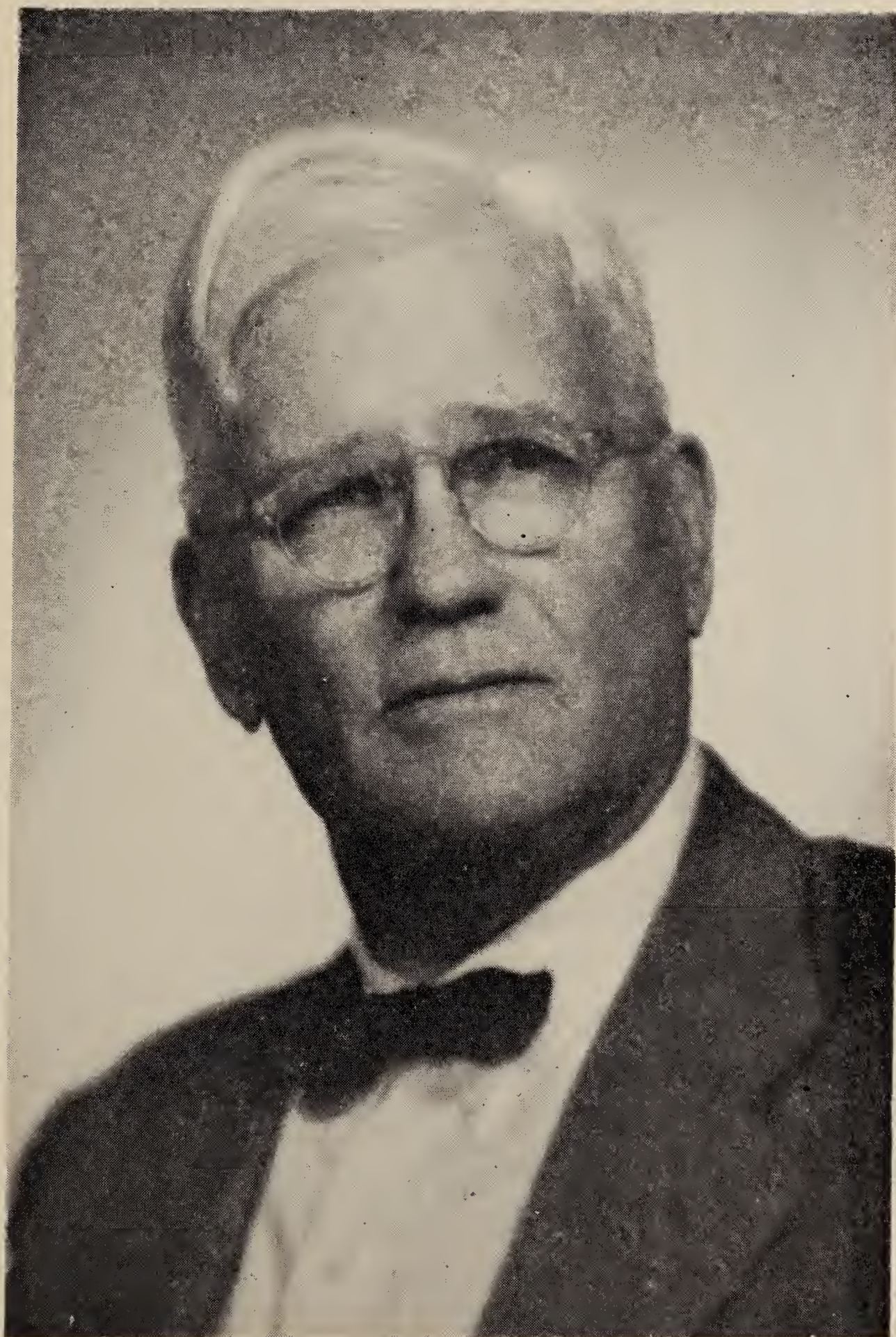
1-1-3-4-1. Victor Davis, b. 6-26-1883, d. 10-16-1887.

1-1-3-4-2. Laura Jewel Davis (twin), b. 5-7-1887 in Pittsburg, Texas, m. 6-4-1908 in Abilene, Texas, Dallas Scarborough, b. 3-14-1882 in Williamson County, Texas, son of Isaac Polk Scarborough and Adeline Russell.

Jewel Davis graduated at Wesleyan College, Macon, Ga., in 1904, at the age of seventeen, "Magna cum laude", and at the University of Texas in 1907. She served ten years as a National Officer of her college sorority, Alpha Delta Pi, of which her mother was also a member, and organized all three of the chapters in Texas. Always interested in politics and government, she was a pioneer woman suffragist, and as a member of the State Board of the Texas Equal Suffrage Association, helped to secure votes for women in 1919, served for thirty years as Presiding Judge of her election precinct, and was the first and only woman to be elected as County Chairman of the Democratic Executive Committee. In 1944 she had the honor of serving as Presidential Elector from Texas, and served as Secretary of the Texas Electoral College. Elected Presidential Elector also in 1952. She organized many of Abilene's social and welfare clubs, and holds membership in the National Society of Colonial Dames, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Daughters of the Confederacy, U. S. Daughters of 1812, American Legion Auxiliary, State Honorary member of Delta Kappa Gamma, and Honorary member of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas. She has been a member of Abilene's Park and Public Recreation Board since its organization in 1940, serving successively as Vice President, President, and Secretary. Listed



JEWEL DAVIS SCARBOROUGH

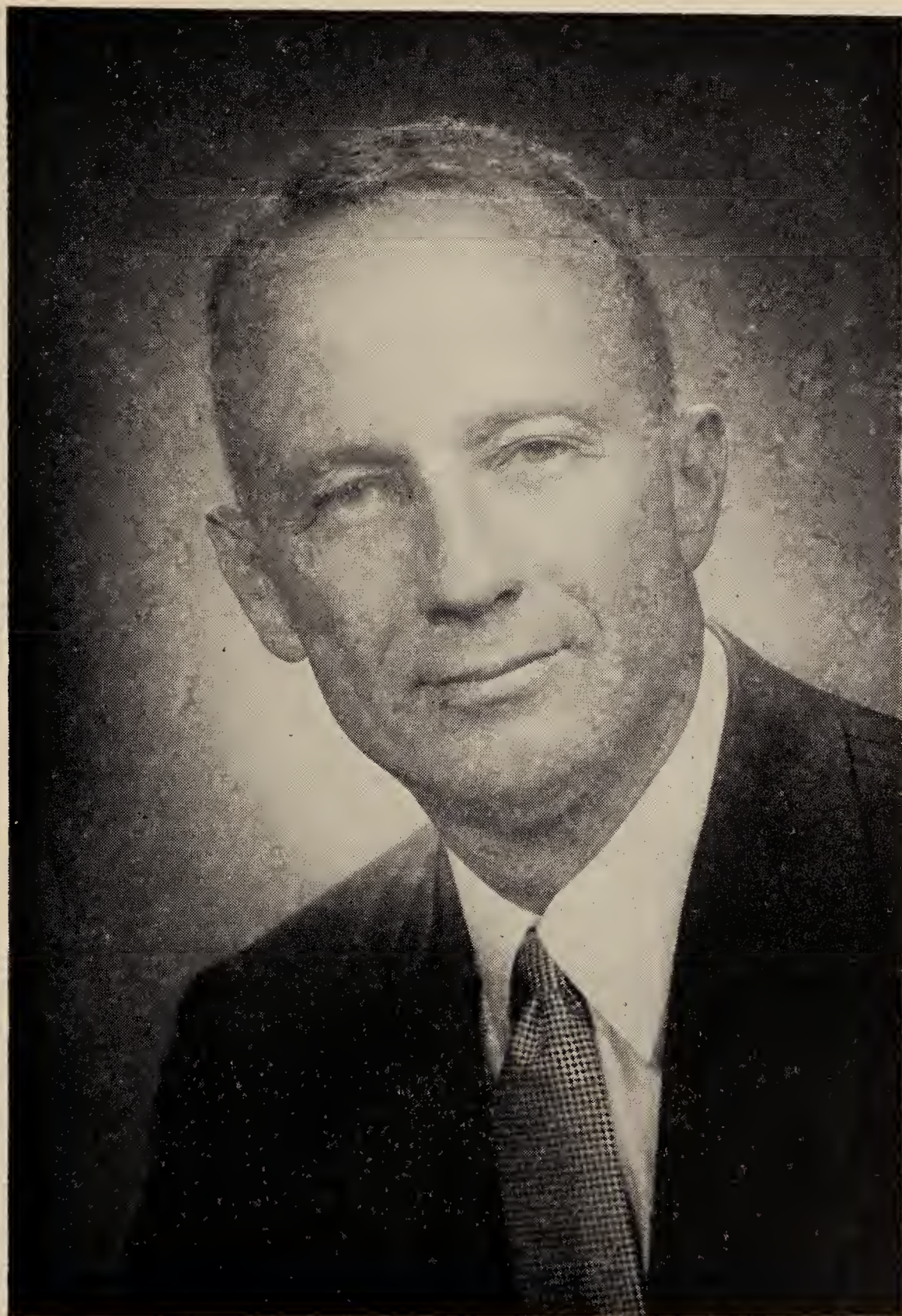


DALLAS SCARBOROUGH

in *Leading Greeks*, *Who's Who in the South and Southwest*, and in the *Southern Social Register*. Especially interested in genealogy, she holds membership in many genealogical societies, and is author of a series of family histories called "*Southern Kith and Kin*", Vol. 1 dealing with the Lockett family of Virginia, and Vol. 2, with the descendants of John Davis, Sr., of Virginia, recorded in this book.

Dallas Scarborough, too, is a descendant of early Virginia emigrants, and holds membership in the Sons of the American Revolution through his great grandfather, Major James Scarborough, who was born in Southampton County, Virginia, November 29th, 1748, and died in Edgecomb County, North Carolina, March 1st, 1836. His grandfather, Lawrence Scarborough, though but a child of about fourteen, was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown, while on a visit to his father. He later served in the War of 1812, and was with Jackson at New Orleans, and liked Louisiana so well that he decided to make it his home. It was in Union Parish, Louisiana that Isaac Polk Scarborough, father of Dallas Scarborough, was born August 19th, 1845, though he did not remain long in that state. He joined the Confederate Army the first year of the war, when just sixteen years of age, serving as a Dispatch Rider with Ford's Battalion, Arkansas Cavalry, Arkansas Regiment, under Major E. O. Wolf, and when the war was over, he moved to Texas, and in 1867 settled in Williamson County on a farm on Brushy Creek. He died in Cross Plains, Texas 8-17-1919. He was married June 11, 1874 to Adeline Russell, born May 2nd, 1854 in Verona, Miss., d. December 8th, 1911. Both Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough are buried in Rising Star, Texas. Adeline Russell's paternal grandparents were George and Leah J. Russell, early settlers of Alabama, where her father, George D. Russell, a Primitive Baptist preacher, was born, April 29th, 1824, in Franklin County, Alabama, married August 11th, 1842 to Emily M. Stovall, daughter of A. L. Stovall, also a Baptist preacher, who performed the wedding ceremony. In 1853 the Russell family moved to Lee County, Mississippi, where Mrs. Scarborough was born near Russellville and in 1870 they moved to Texas, settling first near Lexington, then Burleson County, but now in Lee, and after a short residence in Milam County, the family moved to Williamson County in 1875, near Circleville. In 1882 the family moved to Lampasas and it was there that George D. Russell died, February 16th, 1884.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Polk Scarborough only lived in Lampasas for a few months, and then moved to Cottonwood in



DAVIS DALLAS SCARBOROUGH

Callahan County. Though Isaac Polk Scarborough made his living as a farmer, he was also an itinerant preacher in the Church of Christ, never having a regular charge or receiving a salary for his work.

Dallas Scarborough received his academic education at Daniel Baker College in Brownwood, Texas, formerly a Presbyterian College but now owned by the Episcopal Church, and his legal education at the University of Texas. He has held many positions of honor and trust, in his city, his church, the Episcopal Church, the various organizations to which he belongs, and in the legal profession. Among the many honors that he has held, has been City Commissioner and Mayor of the city of Abilene, and at the present time is a member of two important legal committees authorized by an act of the Texas Legislature—a committee appointed by the Chief Justice of the Court of Criminal Appeals of Texas to revise the Criminal Code of Texas, and the other appointed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Texas, to revise the Rules of Civil Procedure. He is the only Texas lawyer to be appointed to both committees. He is listed in *Who's Who in the South and the Southwest*, in the *Southern Social Register*, and holds membership in the American College of Trial Lawyers.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-4-2-1. Davis Dallas Scarborough, b. 3-10-1909, m. 8-28-1936 Mozelle Graham, b. 5-21-1916.

Davis Scarborough is a lawyer and received his education at the University of Texas where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He was especially interested in athletics, and a member of the tennis and swimming teams of his college. He served as a Lieutenant in the Navy in World War II. Mozelle Graham is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Graham, and was educated at Abilene Christian College.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-4-2-1-1. Francis (Frank) Dallas Scarborough, b. 7-22-1937.
 1-1-3-4-2-1-2. Charles Davis Scarborough, b. 5-12-1941.
 1-1-3-4-2-2. Charles Lawrence (Larry) Scarborough, b. 6-26-1923.

Lawyer and educated at the University of Texas, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He was a Sergeant in the Marine Air Corps in World War II.

- 1-1-3-4-3. Mary Louie Davis (twin), b. 5-7-1887, in Pittsburg, Texas, m. in Abilene, 2-19-1908 Waltus Hoyt Lacy, b. 2-14-1885, d. 7-21-1943 in San Antonio, Texas.



CHARLES LAWRENCE SCARBOROUGH

Louie Davis received her education at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and at the University of Texas, where she was a charter member of Zeta Tau Alpha sorority, and later served as Province Vice President.

The Lacy family, pioneers of Virginia, was of French extraction, the original name being De Lacy. The earliest record that I have of this immediate family begins with Martin Lacy, who was born in Pendleton District South Carolina and died in 1842 in Houston County, Texas. The family moved at an early date to Caldwell County, Kentucky, where Martin Lacy married Dorothy Young, who was born in Anson County, North Carolina. Dorothy Young was the daughter of Captain William Young, an officer of the American Revolution, who had moved to Kentucky at the close of the war. It was in Caldwell County, Kentucky that William Young Lacy, son of Martin Lacy and Dorothy Young was born on March 20th, 1814. He was educated at Princeton College in Kentucky, and by profession was an engineer and surveyor. On January 18th, 1830, he arrived in Texas and joined his father in San Augustine County, where the people were greatly disturbed over the tyranny of the Mexican Emperor Bustamente, and both William Young Lacy and his father, Martin Lacy, joined the forces of Santa Anna, and participated in the battle of Nacogdoches on August 2nd, 1832. When the people of Texas finally discovered that Santa Anna was a tyrant and a traitor to justice and freedom, they resolved to secure their independence from Mexico, and in 1836 William Young Lacy joined the army of the Republic of Texas to assist in the struggle, as a member of Captain Tom Robbins Company. Entering the army as a private he was soon promoted to a First Lieutenant, and became Captain of the company upon the murder of Captain Robbins by the Indians in August of 1836. At the close of the war, when Texas had won her independence, under the command of General Sam Houston, first president of the Republic, he organized the Counties of Nacogdoches and Houston into a military district for the protection of the infant Republic. In 1841 William Young Lacy married Louisa Bean, daughter of Peter Ellis Bean, a romantic figure in Texas history, who had been an officer in the Mexican army, in command at Nacogdoches as Lieutenant Colonel. Louisa Bean Lacy died in 1843, and in 1845 William Young Lacy married as his second wife Anna E. Lindsay, native of North Carolina, and daughter of Robert Lindsay, a planter, of Talladega County, Alabama. He had large farming interests in Cherokee, Limestone, and Anderson counties in Texas, where

he moved early in 1869, and in Palestine, the county seat of Anderson county, he was an active leader in civic affairs until the time of his death, at the age of seventy-six.

William Martin Lacy, father of Hoyt Lacy, was one of the children of William Young Lacy and Anna E. Lindsay, and inherited his interest in progressive government from his forebears. For many years he was a leading figure in the political life in Texas. He was born in Alto, Texas, in 1849, and died in New Orleans while living in Abilene, Texas, December 28th, 1910. His first wife was Mary DeBard of Palestine, Texas, whom he married in 1870, and by whom he had two children, Dr. Robert Y. Lacy, of Pittsburg, Texas, and Mrs. Julia Lacy Carroll of Denton, Texas. When Mary DeBard Lacy died in 1879 he married Mattie Moore of Carthage, Texas, with the issue of three children, Hensley Lacy, Hoyt Lacy, and Frank Lacy. Hoyt Lacy was educated at Bingham Military Academy in Asheville, North Carolina, and Peacock Military Academy in San Antonio and came with his father to Abilene, Texas circa 1907 where he was employed as cashier of the bank of which his father was President. However, after his marriage he resigned from the bank, as the duties were too confining, and became a traveling salesman for an office supply and stationery house.

Issue of Mary Louie Davis and Waltus Hoyt Lacy:

- 1-1-3-4-3-1. Martha (Patty) Louie Lacy, b. in Abilene, Texas, 5-9-1909, m. 5-27-1936 Donald Stuart Mossom, graduate of John Hopkins University and an official of the Magnolia Oil Co. in San Antonio, Texas.

Patty Lacy Mossom was educated at the University of Texas where she was a member of the Zeta Tau Alpha sorority. An amateur artist of some note, she is an accomplished potter, and has won many prizes for her work in her chosen field.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-4-3-1-1. Martha Lockett Mossom, b. 9-17-1937.

- 1-1-3-4-3-2. Waltus Hoyt Lacy, Jr., b. 1-17-1920 in Texarkana, Texas, m. 9-30-1949 in Houston, Texas, Mrs. Lois Hill Likens. Hoyt Lacy received his education at Texas A. & M. College as a Petroleum Engineer, and served in World War II as a Sergeant in the Air Transport Command. He flew the "Hump" in India, and received the Air Medal and Distinguished Flying Cross.

Issue:

- 1-1-3-4-3-2-1. Donna Patricia Lacy, b. 3-10-1951.



MARY LOUIE DAVIS LACY

1-1-3-4-4. Charles Gardner Davis, Jr., b. in Pittsburg, Texas, 12-31-1892, d. Port Neches, Texas, 11-14-1947, m. in San Antonio, Texas, 8-17-1918, on the eve of sailing for France with the American forces in the first World War, to Elizabeth Floyd of Texarkana, Texas. During the war he served as a Sergeant in the Motor Transport Corps. Charlie Davis was educated at the University of Texas where he maintained a high scholastic record, and was a popular member of Kappa Alpha fraternity. After his graduation he entered the cotton firm in Texarkana with his father. He was active in the social and civic life of Texarkana, and served several terms on the City Council. After the death of his father, the cotton firm was dissolved, and he moved to Port Neches, Texas, where his death occurred.

Issue:

1-1-3-4-4-1. Bettie Davis, b. Texarkana, Texas 12-22-1921, m. 11-16-1939 Bob Ashford, of Maud, Texas.

Issue:

1-1-3-4-4-1-1. John Robert Ashford, b. 10-12-1940.

1-1-3-4-4-1-2. Harvey Michael Hugh Ashford, b. 3-5-1944.

1-1-3-4-4-1-3. Amanda Jane Ashford, b. 7-28-1946.

1-1-3-4-4-2. Mary Lou Davis, b. 11-30-1926, m. 8-2-1946 to William G. Erwin.

Issue:

1-1-3-4-4-2-1. Toni Erwin, b. 5-6-1947.

1-1-3-4-4-2-2. Susan Erwin, b. 12-24-1948.

1-1-3-4-4-3. Patsy Davis, b. 5-2-1934.

1-1-3-4-5. Mattie Belle Davis, youngest child of Martha Lockett and Charles Gardner Davis, was born in Pittsburg, Texas, 9-1-1895, m. Texarkana, Texas, 10-25-1922 Howard Ward. Mattie Belle Davis was educated at the Whitis School in Austin, Texas, and at the University of Texas where she was a member of Pi Beta Phi sorority. At the present time she is Court Reporter for the Texas State Railway Commission. She volunteered in the Air Corps of the WACS in the second World War, and was later transferred to Washington where she was Secretary to the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Issue:

1-1-3-4-5-1. Jewel Gordon Ward, b. Texarkana, Tex., 9-18-1923, m. in Austin, Texas, 9-15-1951 Joseph Gaither Hall. Jewel Ward was graduated from the University of Texas



WILLIAM DAVIS, JR.

and the University School of Law, and is a member of Pi Beta Phi Sorority. During the second World War she served in the Waves.

- 1-1-4. William Davis, Jr., fourth child of William Davis and Elizabeth Gardner, b. Twiggs County, Georgia, 2-10-1829, d. 6-4-1906, m. Mary Adelia La Hatte, b. 9-8-1845, d. 8-12-1897, daughter of Charles H. La Hatte, b. 2-8-1796 in Brooklyn, New York, d. 7-22-1872, and his second wife Elizabeth Jane Windham, of Edgefield District South Carolina. Charles H. La Hatte was a graduate of Hamilton College in New York, and came to Columbus, Georgia to teach in 1834-1837, and was a very successful and beloved teacher in Georgia and Alabama until the time of his death. Kingsville Academy, which he founded, and named in honor of King's County, New York where he was born, is located on the Ft. Benning reservation, and it is near there, in the old Harmony Cemetery, that he is buried. It is in that same locality on the Ft. Benning Reservation, that Mary Adelia La Hatte Davis was born.

William Davis, like his brothers, was a Confederate soldier, enlisting in 1862, and serving until the close of the war in Company F., 39th Alabama Regiment.

Issue of William Davis and Mary Adelia La Hatte:

- 1-1-4-1. Sidney La Hatte Davis, b. 8-22-1873, m. Dorothy Huffman.

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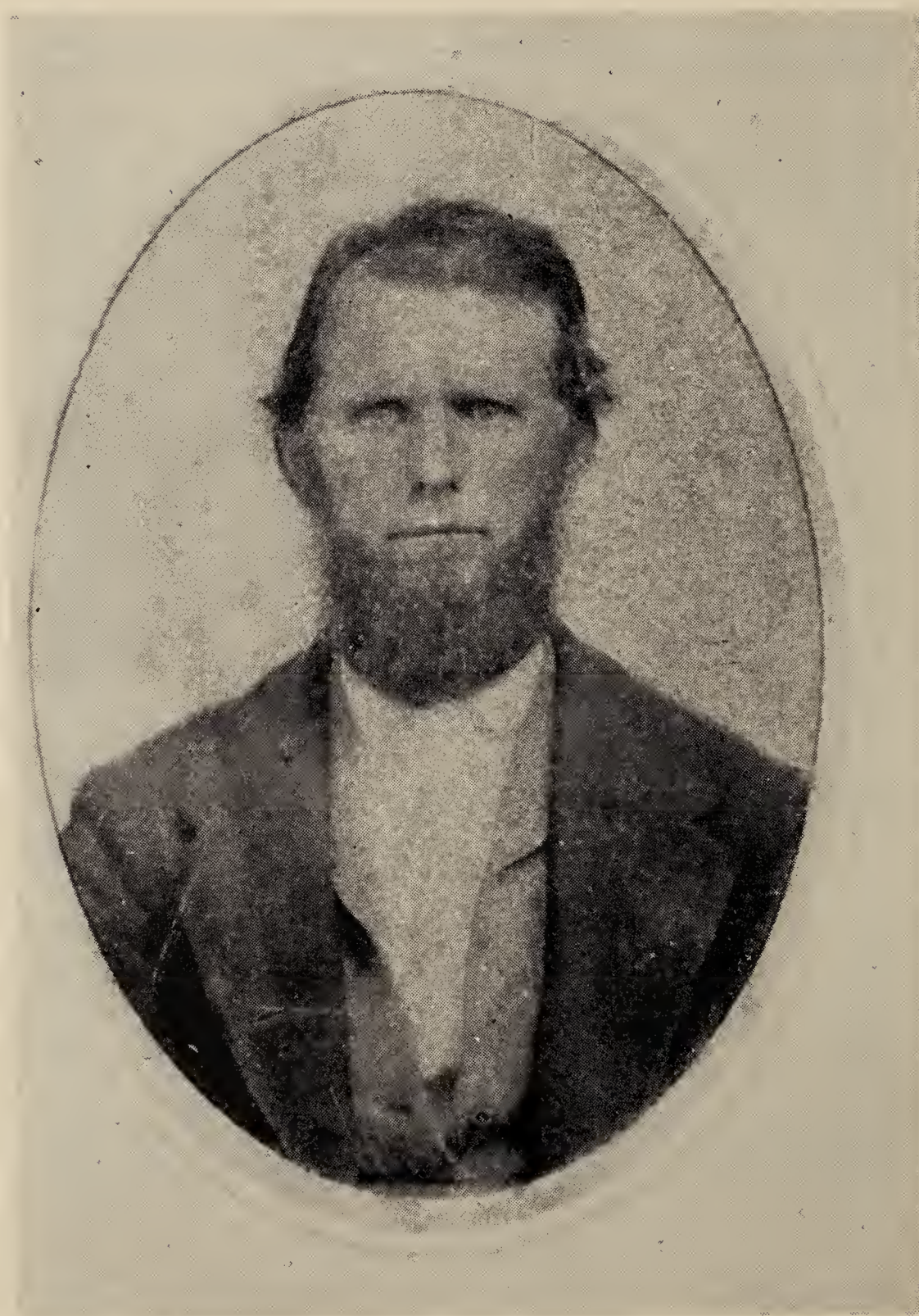
- 1-1-4-1-1. Windham Davis.
- 1-1-4-1-2. May Davis.
- 1-1-4-1-3. Paul Davis.
- 1-1-4-1-4. Dorothy Davis.
- 1-1-4-1-5. Bessie Davis.
- 1-1-4-1-6. Grace Davis.
- 1-1-4-1-7. Minnie Davis.
- 1-1-4-1-8. Virginia Davis.

- 1-1-4-2. Elisha William Davis, b. 12-3-1874, m. Leona——

Issue:

- 1-1-4-2-1. William Davis.
- 1-1-4-2-2. Paul Davis.
- 1-1-4-2-3. Adelia Davis.
- 1-1-4-2-4. Clyde Davis.

- 1-1-4-3. Benjamin Franklin Davis, b. 3-27-1876, m. Cora Watts. No issue.



GEORGE WASHINGTON DAVIS



HARRIETTE ALDREDGE DAVIS

1-1-4-4. Fannie Elizabeth Davis, b. 10-15-1877, m. Robert B. Carnes.

Issue of Fannie Elizabeth Davis and Robert B. Carnes:

1-1-4-4-1. Susie Carnes, m. ————— Sheffield.
Four children.

1-1-4-4-2. Robert La Hatte Carnes. Three children.

1-1-4-4-3. Martha Carnes, m. ——— Yorke. No children.

1-1-4-4-4. Captain Charles Carnes, m. 1) Virginia Kehr.
One child. m. 2) Ruth Jones. Two children.

1-1-4-5. Minnie Alice Davis, b. 12-7-1878. Unmarried.

1-1-5. George Washington Davis, fifth child of William Davis and Elizabeth Brown Gardner, b. Twiggs County, Georgia, 12-13-1831, d. in Pittsburg, Texas, 3-10-1900, m. in Pittsburg, Texas, 1868, Harriette Amanda Aldredge, b. 7-19-1846, d. in Pittsburg, Texas, 11-15-1905.

George Washington Davis came to Texas circa 1850, and settled in Upshur County, in the part that was later cut off to form Camp County, and was one of the leading spirits in the upbuilding of the town of Pittsburg, when it was established in 1858 by Major William Pitts who removed there from Warren County, Georgia. He was an early day merchant, and the organizer and President of the first bank, the Camp County Bank, besides having large farming interests. When war was declared he enlisted in the Confederate Army, serving from 1861-65 as a First Lieutenant of Company F 14th Texas Infantry, Clark's Regiment.

Issue:

1-1-5-1. Ruby Elizabeth Davis, b. 1870, d. 1873.

1-1-5-2. John Calhoun Davis, b. 12-31-1871, m. 1904 Elizabeth Rogers.

Issue:

1-1-5-2-1. Marion Davis, b. 1905, m. and has two children.

1-1-5-2-2. Hattie Mae Davis, b. 1907, m. Bert Wilkinson. No issue.

1-1-5-3. Georgia Irena Davis, b. 9-7-1873. Unmarried.

1-1-5-4. William Pierce Davis, b. 2-9-1876 in Pittsburg, Texas, d. 5-27-1944, m. 1-20-1900 Hillary Merrill.

Issue:

1-1-5-4-1. Lt. Col. George M. Davis, b. 11-8-1902, m. Lallie May Carlisle.



REBECCA JONES DAVIS NELMS

Issue:

- 1-1-5-4-1-1. Dorothy Irene Davis, b. 3-29-1930, m. M. D. Mascarro.
- 1-1-5-4-1-2. George M. Davis, b. 2-4-1934.
- 1-1-5-4-1-3. Oma Sue Davis, b. 8-27-1938.
- 1-1-5-5. Charles F. Davis, b. 9-7-1878, d. 1902.
- 1-1-6. Rebecca Jones Davis, 6th child of William Davis and Elizabeth Brown Gardner, was born in Twiggs County, Georgia, 3-25-1832, d. 3-25-1914 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, m. 1-3-1850 Edwin A. Nelms, b. 10-4-1828, d. 1-23-1869.

Rebecca Jones Davis and her husband Edwin A. Nelms came to Texas with her brothers George Washington Davis, James Monroe Davis, Dr. John Davis, and Lewis Gardner Davis, and settled in Upshur County, Texas, near Pittsburg, which was later cut off into Camp County. After the death of her husband, Rebecca J. Nelms made her home with her daughter, Annie Minerva Nelms, (Mrs. William Crawford Aldredge), and moved with them to Muskogee, Oklahoma, where her death occurred.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1. Annie Minerva Nelms, b. 12-15-1851, d. 2-2-1915 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, m. 8-5-1869 William Crawford Aldredge, b. 5-29-1848, d. 1-8-1933 in Muskogee, Okla.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-1. Georgia Aldredge, b. 8-28-1871, d. 4-13-1946, m. 2-22-1896 Dr. G. B. Norris, b. 1-16-1869, d. 6-1-1925.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-1-1. Dr. Ray S. Norris, b. 9-1-1900, d. 12-4-1939, m. Daisy Rix.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-1-1-1. Peter Norris.
- 1-1-6-1-1-2. Ruth Norris, b. 11-20-1902, m. 4-17-1934 Phil Fox.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-1-2-1. Lt. John Van Zandt Fox.
- 1-1-6-1-1-3. Nell Norris, b. 9-8-1904, m. 1928 Dr. T. E. Marshall.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-1-3-1. Ruth Marshall.

- 1-1-6-1-1-3-2. Thomas E. Marshall, Jr.
- 1-1-6-1-2. Harriette Aldredge, b. 2-25-1873, d. 2-1-1921, m. 4-29-1908 W. D. Burns in Muskogee, Okla. No issue.
- 1-1-6-1-3. Edwin Nelms Aldredge, b. 3-19-1875, d. 7-24-1878.
- 1-1-6-1-4. Clare Aldredge, b. 6-4-1877, d. 3-8-1945, m. Pittsburg, Texas, 6-3-1901 Felix Alexander Todd, b. in Tenn. 12-5-1861, d. 1-24-1941.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-4-1. Felix Alexander Todd, Jr., b. 2-20-1905, d. 6-30-1943, m. 4-2-1929 Elizabeth Holcombe Newton, in San Antonio, Texas.

Felix Alexander Todd, graduated at the U. S. Military Academy in 1927, and at the time of his death from an air plane crash near Saxe, Va., was a Lieutenant Colonel. The Legion of Merit was awarded to him posthumously. "For exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding services".

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-4-1-1. Ellen Clare Todd.
- 1-1-6-1-4-1-2. Alexander Newton Todd.
- 1-1-6-1-4-2. Rebecca Ann Todd, b. 11-11-1909, m. 12-31-1932 Harold Nickel.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-4-2-1. John Todd Nickel.
- 1-1-6-1-4-2-2. Harold Gilliland Nickel.
- 1-1-6-1-4-3. Virginia King Todd, b. 7-6-1913, m. 9-23-1939 John Fitzgerald Keilch.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-4-3-1. John Keilch.
- 1-1-6-1-4-3-2. Patrick Keilch.
- 1-1-6-1-4-3-3. Kathleen Keilch.
- 1-1-6-1-5. Samuel P. Aldredge, b. 5-29-1879, d. 12-31-1881.
- 1-1-6-1-6. Maxie W. Aldredge, b. 9-4-1882, m. 10-6-1911 Bess Scruggs.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-6-1. William M. Aldredge.
- 1-1-6-1-6-2. Edd Aldredge.
- 1-1-6-1-6-3. Mary Ann Aldredge.
- 1-1-6-1-7. Rebecca Ruth Aldredge, b. 2-3-1885, d. 9-28-1891.

1-1-6-1-8. Mabel Aldredge, b. 1-6-1888, d. 5-15-1943. Unmarried.

1-1-6-1-9. Cassie Aldredge, b. 11-27-1890, m. 8-12-1913 Mark Law Griffith.

Issue:

1-1-6-1-9-1. Ann Louise Griffith, b. 1-22-1915, m. 1) 3-3-1931 Vernon T. Flournoy, m. 2) 1-22-1950 David Eisenstein.

Issue:

1-1-6-1-9-1-1. Vernon Dale Flournoy.

1-1-6-1-9-1-2. Jimmy Flournoy.

1-1-6-1-9-1-3. Vivian Ann Flournoy.

1-1-6-1-9-1-4. Richard Flournoy.

1-1-6-1-9-1-5. Martha Lou Flournoy.

1-1-6-1-9-1-6. Barbara Jane Flournoy.

1-1-6-1-9-1-7. David Eisenstein, Jr.

1-1-6-1-9-2. Mark Law Griffith, Jr., b. 1-5-1917, m. 12-16-1940 Pauline Laws.

Issue:

1-1-6-1-9-2-1. Ann Clare Griffith.

1-1-6-1-9-2-2. Mary Beth Griffith.

1-1-6-1-9-2-3. John Mark Griffith.

1-1-6-1-9-3. Harriette Jane Griffith, b. 9-12-1919, m. 7-27-1940 Howard L. Garrett.

Issue:

1-1-6-1-9-3-1. David Mitchell Garrett.

1-1-6-1-9-3-2. Susan Jane Garrett.

1-1-6-1-9-4. Joel Griffith, b. 2-3-1921, m. 7-18-1941 Virginia Patterson.

Issue:

1-1-6-1-9-4-1. Bill Griffith.

1-1-6-1-9-4-2. Gary Wayne Griffith.

1-1-6-1-9-5. Norris Aldredge Griffith, b. 11-30-1926, m. Iva Jean Gregory.

Issue:

1-1-6-1-9-5-1. Mary Annette Griffith.

1-1-6-1-9-6. Lois Alta Griffith, b. 4-13-1928, m. Wayne Edenburn.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-1-9-6-1. Michael Wayne Edenburn.
- 1-1-6-1-9-6-2. Jean Virginia Edenburn.
- 1-1-6-1-9-3. Mary Ann Edenburn.
- 1-1-6-2. Graftner Nealy Nelms, second child of Rebecca J. Davis and Edwin A. Nelms, b. 1-28-1854, m. 1) Gussie Pitts, m. 2) Emma Barns.

Issue by first wife:

- 1-1-6-2-1. Cora Nelms, m. J. A. Matthews.

Issue by second wife:

- 1-1-6-2-2. Edwin B. Nelms, m. Vada Holloman.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-2-2-1. Mozelle Nelms.
- 1-1-6-2-2-2. Ralph Nelms.
- 1-1-6-2-3. Jessie Nelms, m. J. R. McElhannan.
- 1-1-6-2-4. Wilburn Nelms.
- 1-1-6-2-5. Mary Nelms, m. Joe Laney.
- 1-1-6-2-6. Nealy Nelms.
- 1-1-6-3. Charles Edwin Nelms, third child of Rebecca J. Davis and Edwin A. Nelms, b. 12-12-1856, d. 10-13-1865.
- 1-1-6-4. Mattie Dean Nelms, b. Pittsburg, Texas, 11-19-1859, d. 9-15-1898, m. Pittsburg, Texas, 10-3-1876 William C. Sturkie, b. 5-4-1856, Orangeburg Dist., South Carolina, d. Pittsburg, Texas, 2-3-1938.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-4-1. Eva Sturkie, b. 8-18-1879, m. 1-6-1907 Oscar Rhymes, b. 10-30-1870, d. 12-26-1908.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-4-1-1. William Rhymes, b. 5-26-1909, m. 12-18-1937 Coral McClure Kerr.
- 1-1-6-4-2. Ina Sturkie, b. 12-10-1886, m. 5-20-1908 Leonard Schoeller.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-4-2-1. Leonard Schoeller, Jr., b. 8-17-1909, m. 7-19-1934 Louise Gustafson.

Issue:

- 1-1-6-4-2-1-1. Bertram Schoeller, b. 9-12-1935.

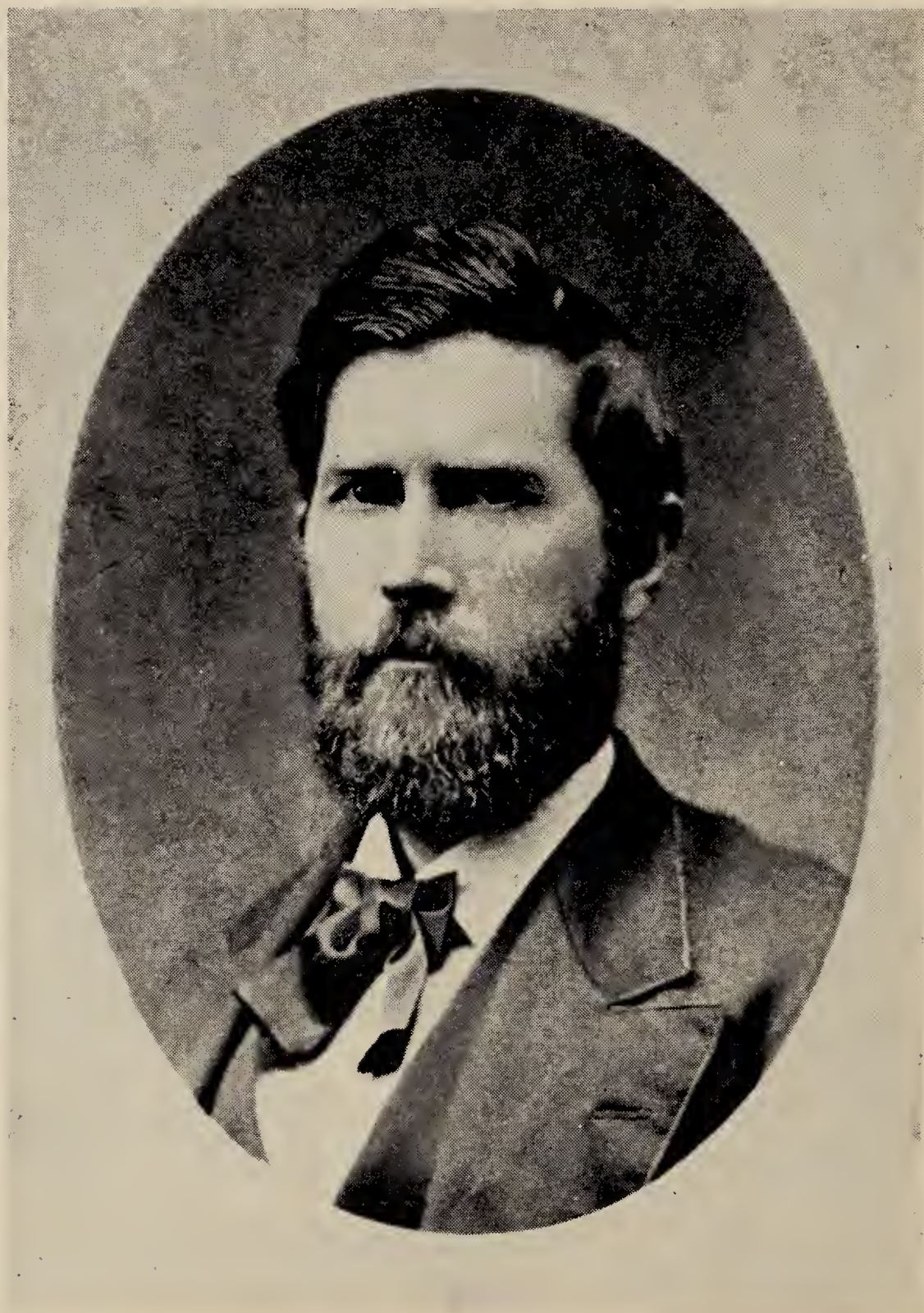


ELIZABETH GARDNER DAVIS BENTON

- 1-1-7. Thomas Jefferson Davis, seventh child of William Davis and Elizabeth Brown Gardner, b. 6-20-1834 in Twiggs County, Ga., d. Pensacola, Florida, m. Sarah (Sallie) Askew in Salem, Ala. He was living in Ouchita County, Arkansas, at the time of the settlement of his father's estate, according to the report of the Administrator in Chattahoochie County, Georgia, and gave his brother, Dr. John Davis, power of attorney to settle for him. Benjamin F. Askew, of Columbia County, Arkansas, purchased the interest of Thomas in his father's estate, Feb. 2nd, 1878. Thomas Davis evidently moved to Arkansas, and then to Florida, at an early date, and little is known of him and his descendants.

Issue:

- 1-1-7-1. Thomas G. Davis, b. 1865.
1-1-7-2. Henry K. Davis, b. 1867.
1-1-7-3. James F. Davis, b. 1869.
1-1-7-4. Edward L. Davis, b. 1871.
- 1-1-8. Elizabeth Gardner Davis, b. 4-1-1836 in Russell County, Ala., m. 10-31-1859 in Chattahoochie County, Georgia, George C. Benton. Married by Thomas J. Miles, Minister of the Gospel. Elizabeth died 9-10-1860, and we presume that her husband had died by 1870 when William Davis died, as he is not mentioned in the administration of the estate. He probably died as a Confederate soldier. Family tradition says that Elizabeth moved to Barbour County, Ala., after her marriage. She was the first of William Davis' twelve children to be born in Alabama.
- 1-1-9. Benjamin Franklin Davis, b. 2 - 20 - 1838 in Russell County, Ala., d. 10-30-1907, m. 10-13-1870 Emma Pauline McLester, b. 3-9-1844, d. 11-25-1920, daughter of Dr. James and Lucinda Caroline Woolridge McLester of Chattahoochie County, Georgia. Benjamin Franklin Davis, known to his family and friends as Frank, moved from Russell County, Alabama to Chattahoochie County, Georgia with his father in 1854, soon after the county was organized. He enlisted in the Confederate Army in Chattahoochie County, immediately after war was declared, and was made Company Clerk. Entering as a private, he was promoted rapidly, and when the war was over he held the rank of Captain, a title that clung to him for the rest of his



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN DAVIS

life. He saw almost continuous service in the Virginia campaigns, was wounded, and as a result, was crippled for many years. His brother, James Monroe Davis, was a member of the same Company, Company C. of the 10th Georgia Regiment, called Beaureguards, and possibly his youngest brother, Britton Ware Davis, though several members of the family have said that Britton was with a Cavalry or Artillery unit. Frank married within a few weeks after his father's death, and settled at Green Hill, in Stewart County, on a farm, where he lived until his death, and where three of his sons still live. While farming was his profession, he had many other interests. He operated general mercantile stores at Cusseta, at Red Hill, and at Green Hill, his home, where he was also the local Post Master. Following the panic of 1870 he was forced to close out all of his stores except the one at Green Hill. When the railroad was built from Columbus to Albany, the Post Office and the store were moved to the new station at Renfro. This Post Office however, is no longer in existence.

Benjamin Franklin Davis was the Administrator of his father's estate, a tedious task since the 12 children were so widely scattered, and many records are found of him in Stewart and in Chattahoochie County. He had a very interesting family of eight sons and only one daughter, only three of whom ever married—William Davis, Benjamin Franklin Davis, Jr., and Herschel V. Davis. Dawson and Lawrence Davis live together and still operate the farm of about 3000 acres in Stewart County on which their father first settled, and Charlie lives nearby, having sold most of his acreage to his two brothers. All of the living members of the family still live either in Columbus, Muscogee County or in Stewart County where they were born. Issue of Benjamin Franklin Davis and Emma Pauline McLester:

- 1-1-9-1. William Davis, b. Stewart County, Georgia, 10-27-1871, m. 8-19-1919 Mary Caperton Davis, widow of his brother, Benjamin Franklin Davis, Jr.

William Davis and his wife lived for many years in Atlanta where they operated a successful apartment house, though they have recently moved back to Columbus, to be near the other members of the family.

1-1-9-2. Benjamin Franklin Davis, Jr., b. 2-20-1874, d. 4-14-1918 in Chattanooga, Tennessee, m. 7-25-1910 Mary Caperton of Cowan, Tenn.

Issue:

1-1-9-2-1. Ruth Hortense Davis, b. 9-2-1912, m. 10-3-1946 Alfred W. Haight.

Issue:

1-1-9-2-1-1. Margaret Ann Haight, b. 7-8-1947.

1-1-9-2-2. Maude Eleanor Davis, b. 2-15-1914, m. 5-15-1937 —————Robinson.

Issue:

1-1-9-2-2-1. Mary Eleanor Robinson, b. 6-4-1943.

1-1-9-3. Charles McLester Davis, b. 2-9-1876. Unmarried. Though Charlie Davis has always been a farmer he has taken time out to do other things too. He has served as a County Commissioner of his county, and was a soldier in the Spanish American War. He lives only a short distance from his two brothers, where he is still enjoying his small farm, and his duties there.

1-1-9-4. Herschel Victor Davis, b. 11-26-1877, m. 3-17-1923 Ruth Chappell of Jeffersonville, Georgia. No issue.

Herschel Davis has done many things in his busy life, though, unlike his brothers, he did not select farming for his vocation. However, he has always lived either in or near Stewart County where he was born. He has served successively as banker, wholesale grocer, State Welfare Officer, civilian employee at Ft. Benning, and real estate agent, which is his present occupation. While in the wholesale grocery business in Richland, Georgia he served two terms as Mayor, and about twenty years as member of the City Council. He was active in the Chamber of Commerce, and in the First Baptist Church, where he served as Deacon, and Supt. of the Sunday School. He was also District Supt. of the Summerhill Sunday School Association. His wife, Ruth Chappell Davis, is an efficient teacher in the Public Schools in Columbus, where they are living today, and received her B. A. and M. A. degrees at the University of Georgia.

Without the generous help of Herschel Davis, it would have been impossible for me to compile this record of "Uncle Frank" Davis and his descendants.

1-1-9-5. Crawford Lee Davis, b. 10-25-1879, d. 10-29-1951. Unmarried.

1-1-9-6. Dawson Davis, b. 8-18-1881. Single.

1-1-9-7. Lawrence Grey Davis, b. 9-4-1883. Single.

Dawson and Lawrence Grey Davis live together in Stewart County, at Green Hill, on the family farm, bought by their father at the time of his marriage. They have increased their holdings until they now have nearly four thousand acres, which they operate as a partnership.

1-1-9-8. Maude Elizabeth Davis, b. 11-9-1885, d. 7-29-1917. Single.

1-1-9-9. Grover Cleveland Davis, b. 3-20-1888, d. 9-1-1951. Grover Cleveland Davis moved West for his health, in 1920, and lived for a time in Denver, later moving to Ponca City, Oklahoma, where he was employed by the Marland Oil Company. He died as the result of an automobile accident in 1951.

1-1-10. Georgia Clifford Davis, b. 2-20-1840 in Russell County, Ala., d. 6-23-1919 in Richland, Georgia, m. circa 1871, as 2nd wife, Enoch Osborne Brown, b. 2-25-1828, d. 3-22-1885.

Georgia Clifford Davis came with her father to Chattahoochie County at the time of his marriage to Mrs. Rebecca Walker in 1855, and lived most of her life in Richland, Georgia, where she is buried. She spent her early girlhood in Jamestown, where her father, William Davis, her sister, Elizabeth Gardner Davis and her three youngest brothers, Benjamin Franklin Davis, James Monroe Davis, and Britton Ware Davis, were early residents. She received her education at Prof. Slade's School in Columbus.

Muscogee County was created by Legislative Act December 11th, 1826. By the Treaty of Indian Springs in 1825 the State of Georgia acquired from the Creek Indians an extensive area of land, West of the Flint River, from which the following counties were formed—Carroll, Coweta, Lee, Muscogee, and Troup, and each of these were later subdivided. In 1826 Muscogee included either in whole or in part, the present five counties of Harris, Chattahoochee, Marion, Talbot, and Taylor. Most of these lands were disposed of by the State of Georgia in Lotteries, in order to encourage settlers needed for protection of the frontier.

Columbus, County Seat of Muscogee County, where so many of the Davises lived, was established



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in 1827, and of particular interest to Texans is the fact that General Mirabeau B. Lamar, hero of San Jacinto, and the second President of the Republic of Texas, made this city his home, and established its first newspaper, The Columbus Enquirer, in 1828. James W. Fannin, who won a martyr's crown at Goliad, was also a resident of Columbus, though he grew up in Twiggs County, where the William Davis family had its beginning. It was here in Columbus that three companies were organized for service in the Texas Revolution, the Georgia Light Infantry, the Columbus Guards, and the Crawford Guards. Chattahoochee County, with Cusseta as the county seat, was created by legislative act, February 13th, 1854, from Muscogee and Randolph counties.

Issue of Georgia Clifford Davis and Enoch Osborne Brown:

- 1-1-10-1. Elizabeth Cassandra Brown, b. 2-8-1873, d. 3-3-1914, m. Henry Albert Redding.

Issue:

- 1-1-10-1-1. Henry Edwin Redding. Married and living in Texarkana, Texas.
1-1-10-1-2. Carrie Redding, m. a minister, Rev. Edward Drake.
1-1-10-1-3. Laura Redding, b. 10-14-1898, m. 5-11-1918 William Gendron Shingler.

Issue:

- 1-1-10-1-3-1. Marguerite Gaillard Shingler, b. 6-30-1920, m. Charles Thomas Haynes. No issue.
1-1-10-1-3-2. William Gendron Shingler, Jr., b. 4-23-1923.
1-1-10-1-4. John M. Redding.
1-1-10-1-5. McNeil Redding.
1-1-10-1-6. Louise Redding, b. 4-8-1907, m. 7-6-1926 Max Lassiter.

Issue:

- 1-1-10-1-6-1. Maxine Lassiter.
1-1-10-1-6-2. Jane Lassiter.
1-1-10-1-7. Mary Redding, the youngest child of Elizabeth Cassandra Brown, and Henry Albert Redding, was only eighteen months old when her mother died,

and was reared by her Aunt and Uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Josiah Dixon. She married Ned Steinbaugh.

Issue:

1-1-10-1-7-1. Larry Steinbaugh.

1-1-10-1-7-2. Jim Steinbaugh.

1-1-10-2. Willie Osborne Brown, second child of Georgia C. Davis and Enoch Osborne Brown, b. Stewart County, Georgia, 12-6-1874, d. 1-22-1929, m. 4-28-1892 Robert Josiah Dixon, b. 12-30-1869, in Webster County, Georgia.

Issue:

1-1-10-2-1. Dr. John Curtis Dixon, b. 1-13-1894, Stewart County, Georgia, m. 10-12-1920 Blanche Williams, Hamilton, Georgia, b. 11-3-1896.

Dr. John Curtis Dixon is one of the foremost educators in the South, and has had many honors conferred upon him. He graduated at Mercer University in Macon and did work for his M. A. degree at Columbia University, where he received the Honorary degree of Doctor of Education. He also received an honorary degree of L.L.B. from Mercer University, where he formerly served as Vice President. For several years he was Vice Chancellor of the Georgia State University system, and at the present time is Vice President and Executive Secretary of the Southern Educational Foundation.

Issue of Dr. John Curtis Dixon and Blanche Williams:

1-1-10-2-1-1. John Curtis Dixon, Jr., b. 1-24-1926, m. 1949 Elizabeth Ernest Matthews, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Aubrey Matthews of Rome, Georgia.

John Curtis Dixon, Jr., graduated from Mercer University, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity. After his graduation he entered the U. S. Naval Academy, where he graduated in 1949.

1-1-10-2-2. Edgar Marshall Dixon, second child of Willie Osborne Brown and Robt. J. Dixon, b. 1-10-1897, Stewart County, Georgia, d. 8-16-1899.

1-1-10-2-3. Lydia Dixon, b. 6-17-1900, m. 8-30-1922, Walter Lester Sheppard.

Lydia Dixon Sheppard received her B. A. degree from Shorter College, and her M. A. from Emory University, and

at the present time is Dean of Women at Shorter College, in Rome, Georgia.

Issue:

1-1-10-2-3-1. William Lester Sheppard, Jr., b. 8-20-1923.

1-1-10-2-3-2. Wilann Sheppard, b. 8-11-1927.

1-1-10-2-4. Sarah Lona Dixon, b. 10-30-1903, m. Taylor French Snelling. She was educated at Shorter College.

Issue:

1-1-10-2-4-1. Taylor French Snelling, Jr., b. 1-18-1926.

1-1-10-2-4-2. Robert Meyer Snelling, b. 6-24-1930.

1-1-10-2-4-3. Richard Will Snelling, b. 6-15-1934.

1-1-10-2-4-4. Sallye Snelling, b. 12-4-1945.

1-1-10-2-5. Capt. Robert Ellington Dixon, b. 4-22-1906, m. Mary Cornelia Baldwin.

Capt. Robert Ellington Dixon is a graduate of the U. S. Naval Academy, and of the Air Training School at Pensacola, Fla., and was one of the heroes of World War II, who was mentioned prominently in Lowell Thomas' book "These Men Shall Never Die", and in Stanley Johnson's "Queen of the Flat Tops". He is credited with sinking the first Jap Air Plane Carrier, and radioing back to his Command, "Scratch One Flat Top." He is now assigned to sea duty as Commander of the Air Plane Carrier, Valley Forge.

Issue:

1-1-10-2-5-1. Cornelia Baldwin Dixon, b. 3-2-1934.

1-1-10-3. Edgar Leonard Brown, third child of Georgia C. Davis, and Enoch Osborne Brown, b. 7-22-1876, d. 10-16-1918, m. Mamie Horney. No issue.

1-1-10-4. Claude Pugh Brown, b. 12-10-1879, m. Sallye Jackson. Claude Pugh Brown has been employee and Manager of the Columbus, Georgia, Wholesale Grocery Company for fifty years, and is still active in the business.

Issue:

1-1-10-4-1. Mildred Elizabeth Brown, b. 8-19-1902. Mathematics teacher in Columbus High School. Unmarried.

1-1-10-4-2. Sara Forrester Brown, b. 2-4-1913, m. Hyman

Harrison Field, Assistant Manager of DuPont Co.,
Charlotte, N. C.

Issue:

- 1-1-10-4-2-1. Hyman Harrison Field, Jr., b. 1 - 6 - 1936 (Twin).
- 1-1-10-4-2-2. Mildred Ann Field, b. 1-6-1936 (Twin).
- 1-1-10-4-2-3. Michael Brown Field, b. 8-23-1940.
- 1-1-10-4-3. Verna Anna Brown, b. 9-21-1919, m. Col. Edwin Lowry Hoopes, retired Army Officer, now employed by Archer Hosiery Mill, Columbus, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-1-10-4-3-1. Edwin Lowry Hoopes, Jr., b. 9-8-1942.
- 1-1-10-4-3-2. Claude Brown Hoopes, b. 8-22-1949.
- 1-1-10-5. Charlie Lee Brown, b. 7-4-1881, d. 9-5-1881.
- 1-1-10-6. Verner Leigh Brown, b. 5-25-1883, Columbus, Georgia, d. 12-25-1948, m. Rosa Lipsey.

Issue:

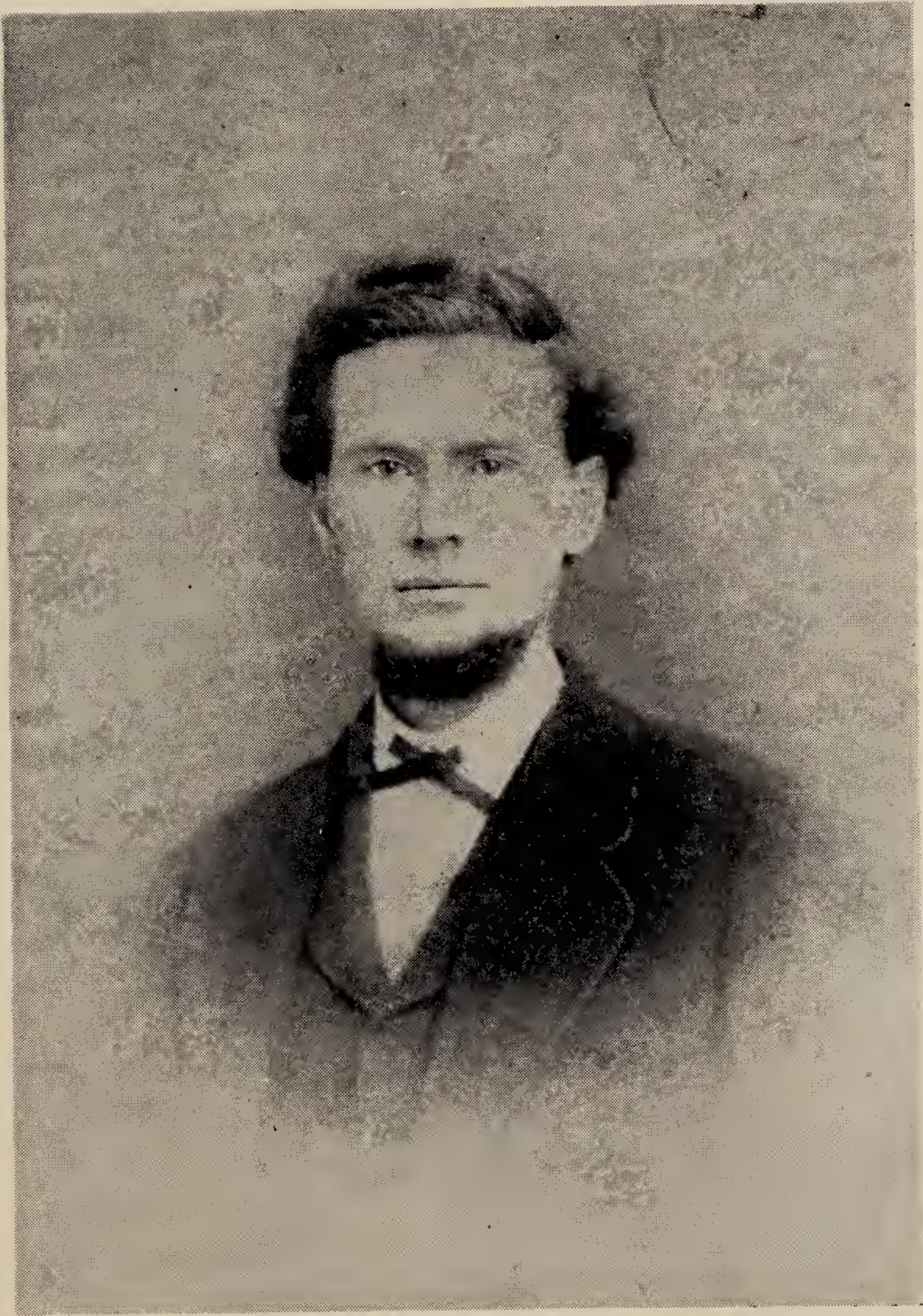
- 1-1-10-6-1. Verner Brown, b. 2-26-1936. Unmarried.
- 1-1-10-6-2. Edgar Brown, b. 3-8-1938.
- 1-1-10-6-3. Enoch Brown, b. 4-29-1940.
- 1-1-10-6-4. Georgia Brown, b. 8-27-1942.
- 1-1-10-6-5. Charles Brown, b. 5-20-1945.
- 1-1-10-7. Peter Clifford Brown, b. 3-17-1878, Stewart County, Georgia, m. Blossie Tompkins, Stewart County, Ga., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Robert Tompkins.

Issue:

- 1-1-10-7-1. Rufus Enoch Brown, b. 8-29-1902, m. 6-22-1940, Judy Morgan of Highland Park, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anson Clonden Morgan.

Issue:

- 1-1-10-7-1-1. Carol Elizabeth Brown, b. 11-29-1941.
- 1-1-10-7-1-2. Catherine Allen Brown, b. 3-15-1946.
- 1-1-10-7-1-3. Peter Newton Brown, b. 8-22-1948.
- 1-1-10-7-2. Peter Clifford Brown, Jr., b. 8-4-1915, Richland, Georgia. Unmarried.
- 1-1-11. James Monroe Davis, eleventh child of William Davis and Elizabeth Brown Gardner, b. 9-5-1843 in Russell County, Alabama, d. 9-9-1907, Cordele, Georgia, m. 12-3-1867, by J. W. Attaway, M. G., Josephine (Joe) Shipp, at Cusseta, Chattahoochee County, Georgia. Josephine Shipp Davis, educated at Andrew College,



JAMES MONROE DAVIS

Cuthbert Georgia, was the daughter of William Wesley Shipp, b. 1814, d. 1883, and his third wife, Mary Evelyn Walker, b. 1824, d. 1856, m. 1843. Josephine Shipp Davis, d. 9-9-1932.

James Monroe Davis was a member of the Chattahoochee Rangers, an early Tax Collector of the county, and a Confederate soldier in Beauregard's Regiment, Company C. 10th Georgia Regiment, of which his brother, Benjamin Franklin Davis, was Captain. During the war he was wounded in the arm, necessitating the removal of the bone, and boy like, he had his picture made showing his useless arm, and sent copies to all of his family, jokingly telling them that he was one soldier who could kiss his elbow. The home of James Monroe Davis was on the present site of Ft. Benning, near the home of his father, William Davis. While his children were still quite young, he decided to join his brothers and sisters in Upshur County, Texas, but he only remained there for a few years, and returned to Georgia, and established residence in Cordele, a new town which had been founded by his brother in law, J. E. D. Shipp in 1889.

Issue of James Monroe Davis and Josephine Shipp:

1-1-11-1. Theodosia Davis, b. 10-19-1872 in Cusseta, Ga., m. W. V. Wardell. No issue.

Theodosia Davis, a graduate nurse, was for many years Supt. of Nurses in John Grady Hospital in Atlanta, Georgia. Now retired, she is living in Mount Vernon, Ohio, where she served as a public health nurse.

1-1-11-2. Irene Davis, b. 11-23-1874 in Chattahoochee County, Ga., m. 6-12-1897, in Cordele Georgia, Charles W. Murray, d. 7-29-1931 in Miami, Fla. Charles W. Murray was a successful Civil Engineer, hence his family has lived in various parts of the United States, where his business carried him, though Miami, Florida, has been the family home for many years.

Issue:

1-1-11-2-1. Emily Murray, b. 2-27-1900, m. 9-8-1925 to Herbert Vance.

Issue:

1-1-11-2-1-1. Emily Joe Vance.

1-1-11-2-1-2. Mary Herbert Vance, graduate of the University of Miami, now studying for her M. A. at the University of Texas.

1-1-11-2-1-3. Eveline Irene Vance, m. 6-14-1952, B. Joe Wilder of Datona Beach, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Wilder. Eveline graduated in June, 1952 at Duke University, where her husband is studying medicine.

1-1-11-2-2. Mary Ruth Murray, b. 9-29-1905.

1-1-11-3. Mary Elizabeth (Mamie) Davis, b. 9-27-1876. Unmarried. Mamie Davis followed a business career, and still lives in the family home in Cordele, Georgia.

1-1-11-4. James Monroe Davis, Jr., b. 12-23-1879 in Chattahoochee County, Georgia. Married twice, m. 1) Georgia Canady in Durham, North Carolina. Now living in Winston-Salem, N. C.

Issue:

1-1-11-4-1. James Monroe Davis, Third.

1-1-11-4-2. Shipp C. Davis.

1-1-11-4-3. George Davis.

1-1-12. Britton Ware Davis, youngest of the twelve children of William Davis and Elizabeth Brown Gardner, was born in Russell County, Alabama, 6-27-1845, d. in Camilla, Ga., 9-20-1915, and is buried in Americus, Georgia, married 1) in 1872 Amzie Amanda Matthews, b. 11-6-1852, d. 6-28-1893, m. 2) 2-24-1910, Lawson Spence, b. 10-13-1874. All of the children are issue of the first wife.

Britton Ware Davis was a widely known and much loved minister of the Baptist church, and though his formal education suffered because of the ravages of war in Georgia, and the poverty of the South during the terrible days of the Reconstruction period, by painstaking study, determination, and application, he acquired an excellent education. Various members of the family have told me how he mastered Greek and Latin, without even a teacher to direct his study, and was considered one of the best informed men of his day. He had an excellent command of the English language, and was known throughout his denomination in South Georgia for his benevolence, as well as for his appealing and scholarly sermons. When he was only fifteen years of age, he ran away and



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joined the Confederate army, and served throughout the war. At that time he was living in Chattahoochee County with his father and step mother, where his two brothers Benjamin Franklin Davis and James Monroe Davis, enlisted in Company C. of the 10th Georgia Regiment, though I have not found his record in that Company, and have been told that he was in either a cavalry or artillery unit. The picture of him in this book in a uniform much too large for him, is a copy of an old daguerrotype, which he sent to his sister Rebecca, at the time of his enlistment.

Britton Ware Davis reared a very interesting musical family, as all of his children could either sing or play some musical instrument.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-1. Margaret Lee Davis, b. 1-7-1873, m. 1) 1-20-1891 James Milton Black, m. 2) Milam Curtis, 12-18-1913.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-1-1. Lucile Black, b. 1-23-1892, m. 4-21-1918 William Francis Keehan, b. 2-4-1891.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-1-1-1. William Francis Keehan, Jr., b. 8-9-1919, Macon, Ga., m. Helen Frances Robert, b. 6-21-1921.
- 1-1-12-1-1-2. Lucile Frances Keehan, b. 6-29-1924 in Charlotte, N. C.
- 1-1-12-1-1-3. Betty Jane Keehan, b. 8-1-1927.
- 1-1-12-1-2. Ernest Davis Black, b. 4-15-1894, m. 1917, d. 8-6-1952, in Macon, Ga., m. Harriette Bussey of Cusseta, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-1-2-1. Margaret Lucile Black, b. 6-9-1919, m. Charles Pittman.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-1-2-1-1. Charles Pittman, Jr.
- 1-1-12-1-2-1-2. Margaret Pittman.
- 1-1-12-1-2-1-3. Ernest Davis Black Pittman.
- 1-1-12-1-2-2. Harriet Bussey Black, b. 1921, m. James Brown Gilbert in 1941.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-1-2-2-1. James Gilbert, Jr.
- 1-1-12-1-2-2-2. Ernest Black Gilbert.

1-1-12-1-2-2-2-3. Harriet Abigail Gilbert.

1-1-12-2. Ernest Matthews Davis, second child of Britton Ware Davis and Amzie Matthews, b. 11-15-1875, d. 3-22-1946, m. 1-25-1905 Henrietta Brimberry, b. 3-31-1889.

Ernest Matthews Davis was born in Stewart County, Ga., but moved with his family to Camilla while still a small child, where he lived for the rest of his life, as a very successful lawyer.

Issue:

1-1-12-2-1. Virginia C. Davis, b. 9-12-1906, m. 6-28-1932, William D. Gillis. No issue.

1-1-12-2-2. Ernest Matthews Davis, Jr., b. 1-24-1909, d. 5-20-1945, m. 1-11-1937 Esta Wells. No issue.

1-1-12-2-3. William Britton Davis, b. 1-20-1912, m. 1936 Elizabeth Hilliard.

Issue:

1-1-12-2-3-1. Henrilyn Davis, b. 3-14-1940.

1-1-12-2-4. James Gordon Davis, b. 5-26-1917, m. 12-10-1948 Mary Gurley.

Issue:

1-1-12-2-4-1. James Gordan Davis, Jr., b. 10-17-1950.

1-1-12-3. Frances Elizabeth Davis, b. 7-1-1877, d. 2-13-1909, m. 2-12-1902 Westbrook Coley. No issue.

1-1-12-4. Britton Ware Davis, Jr., b. 5-2-1879, m. 10-12-1912 in Washington, D. C. Anna Hannigan, b. 3-23-1888, New York City.

Britton Ware Davis in his youth was a Court Reporter, and Secretary to the Congressman from his district, later studied law and began his practice in Tifton, Georgia, where he still lives.

Issue of Britton Ware Davis, Jr., and Anna Hannigan:

1-1-12-4-1. Randall Walker Davis, b. 3-30-1914, Washington, D. C., m. Margaret Rowland, b. 10-9-1919.

Issue:

1-1-12-4-1-1. Eandallene Davis, b. 1-10-1937.

1-1-12-4-1-2. Barbara Davis, b. 8-17-1938.

1-1-12-4-1-3. Sandra Lee Davis, b. 8-19-1939.

1-1-12-4-1-4. Randall W. Davis, Jr., b. 4-1-1945.

1-1-12-4-1-5. Norman Davis, b. 5-26-1950.

1-1-12-4-2. Britton Ware Davis, Jr., b. 1-2-1916, Savannah, Georgia, m. 8-26-1942 Elizabeth Leath.

Britton Ware Davis, Jr., served in the Air Force in World War II.

Issue:

1-1-12-4-2-1. Britton Ware Davis, IV, b. 10-9-1943.

1-1-12-4-2-2. Jerry Leath Davis, b. 10-18-1947.

1-1-12-4-3. Pearl Davis, b. 10-26-1918, Savannah, Georgia, m. 10-1-1943, George M. Ricks.

Issue:

1-1-12-4-3-1. George Melvin Ricks, Jr., b. 9-30-1944.

1-1-12-5. Willie Pearl Davis, fifth child of Britton Ware Davis and Amzie Matthews, b. 2-5-1883 in Dawson, Georgia, m. 7-9-1907 in Valdosta, Georgia, Lloyd Edgar Jones, b. 12-23-1883.

Willie Pearl Davis and her husband are both accomplished musicians, and have been music teachers for many years.

Issue:

1-1-12-5-1. Lloyd Edgar Jones, Jr., b. 8-6-1912, m. Okle Painter Williams in Gainesville, Florida. Okle Painter Williams, b. 11-12-1916.

Issue:

1-1-12-5-1-1. Okle Catherine Jones, b. 11-20-1937.

1-1-12-5-1-2. Lloyd Edgar Jones, 3rd, b. 12-31-1940.

1-1-12-5-1-3. Benjamin Painter Jones, b. 3-17-1942.

1-1-12-5-1-4. Audrey Edna Jones, b. 11-22-1942.

1-1-12-5-2. Benjamin Perry Jones, b. 11-12-1915, Valdosta, Ga. Benjamin Perry Jones is a Concert Pianist and teacher of piano in the Juilliard School of Music in New York. He made his debut in music at Town Hall in New York in 1949, and has received wide acclaim as an accomplished musician and artist.

1-1-12-6. Amzie C. Davis, sixth child of Britton Ware Davis and Amzie Matthews, b. 1-5-1885, m. 6-21-1910 Henry Holcombe Perry, b. 3-20-1875, d. 5-24-1937.

Amzie Davis Perry is an accomplished musician and is Supervisor of Public School Music in Albany, Georgia.

Issue:

1-1-12-6-1. Henry Holcombe Perry, Jr., b. 6-7-1913, m. 6-12-1937 Chloe Milner, b. 5-6-1913.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-6-1-1. Chloe Milner Perry, b. 3-26-1938.
- 1-1-12-6-1-2. Elizabeth Ann Perry, b. 5-28-1947.
- 1-1-12-6-1-3. Catherine Davis Perry, b. 8-15-1950.
- 1-1-12-7. Nannie Lou Davis, b. 12-19-1887, m. 1906 in Valdosta, Ga., Jesse Benton Jones.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-7-1. Dorothy Jones, b. 7-30-1908, m. 6 - 19 - 1931, James Allen Richards, Jr.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-7-1-1. James Allen Richards, Jr., b. 7-22-1932.
- 1-1-12-7-2. Amzie Jones, b. 2-16-1911, m. 1) 6-5-1930 Carl Linton De Vaughn, d. 3-23-1947, m. 2) 3-27-1949, John Emory Seals.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-7-2-1. Carl Linto De Vaughn, Jr., b. 6-21-1933.
- 1-1-12-7-2-2. Benton Jones De Vaughn, b. 10-9-1935.
- Nannie Lou Davis Jones also had a foster son, Dr. Henry T. Sherman.
- 1-1-12-8. Claude Davis, 8th child of Britton Ware Davis, and Amzie Matthews, b. 3-7-1890, m. 3-27-1918, Augustus Cullen Richardson.

Claude Davis Richardson, like all of her sisters, is an accomplished musician, having taught piano most of her adult life, and is also a composer of some note. She received her musical education at Brenau, the Oberlin Conservatory, in Ohio, and the Conservatory in Louisville, Kentucky. Though she belongs to many clubs, for her husband too is quite civic minded, music has always been her chief interest, outside of her family. She is a member of the Georgia Composers League, past President of the Montezuma Music Lovers Club, and has been organist at the Baptist Church of which she is a member, for more than thirty years.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-8-1. Frances Davis Richardson, b. 6-1-1920, m. 5-17-1952 Dr. Exum Walker of Atlanta.
- 1-1-12-8-2. Dr. Augustus Cullen Richardson, Jr., b. 11-21-1922, m. Lucy Lee.

Issue:

- 1-1-12-8-2-1. Augustus Cullen Richardson, III, b. 6-4-1947.
- 1-1-12-8-2-2. James Davis Richardson, b. 11-15-1948.
- 1-1-12-8-2-3. Charles Michael Richardson, b. 1-25-1952.
- 1-1-12-9. Lewis Gardner Davis, b. 2-6-1893, d. in infancy.



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CHAPTER IV

GARDNER-BRYAN-DAVIS CONNECTIONS
NORTH CAROLINA

According to Hathaway in N. C. Historical and Genealogical Register, (Vol. 1, p. 577) the first Bryan to come to this Country was William Bryan, of Ireland, who settled in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He had married Alice Needham, daughter of Lord Needham, in England before coming to America, circa 1689, by whom he had three sons, William, Needham, and John. In 1722 William Bryan, Senior, and his sons Needham and John came to North Carolina, but his son William remained in Virginia, and became the ancestor of William Jennings Bryan. William Bryan, Senior, died in Pasquotank, North Carolina, where he is buried.

For purposes of this history we are concerned only with the record of Needham Bryan, and his descendants, for it is through him that we have the connection with our Davis family. Col. Needham Bryan, as he is called in the early North Carolina records, was married three times, first to Annie Rambeau, November 11th, 1711, who died January 16th, 1730, second to Susannah Harrell, August 24th, 1732, who died in 1752, and third to Sarah Woodward. The Davis family is descended from Needham Bryan and his third wife, Sarah Woodward. Their daughter, Sarah Bryan, married Martin Gardner, Jr., father of Lewis Gardner, Sr., of Richmond and Columbia County, Georgia, whose grand daughter, Elizabeth Brown Gardner married William Davis in Wilkenson County, Georgia, in 1823.

Col. Needham Bryan, b. 2-23-1690, died at his home "Snowfield" in Bertie County, North Carolina, leaving a will there 9-27-1767, and he and his three wives are buried at Snowfield, where the names on the tombs may be read though the dates are scarcely legible. He was a prosperous and influential man in North Carolina, where many records may be found of his activities and of his large family. He was a Church Warden in Bertie County in 1729, according to Hathaway, a Justice for Bertie in 1739, a Commissioner of the Peace in 1746, and a Justice for the years 1745, 1746, and 1747-48. The Bertie County records are filled with records of his land transactions, for he was a large land owner.

In Col. Needham Bryan's will he mentions his wife Sarah, his grandsons, Ezekiel, William, and Lewis Gardner,

and Joseph Garnighan, his daughter's son William, her first born, Susannah Harrell, young Jacob Jarnagan, sons William and Needham, daughter Rachel, and son in law William Whitfield. It is evident that his daughter, Sarah Bryan Gardner was dead and that he was leaving her share of the property to her three sons. Sarah Bryan Gardner's husband was Martin Gardner, Jr., son of Martin Gardner, Senior, and his wife Ann. His will is on file in Bertie County, North Carolina, in 1784. He does not mention his son, Lewis Gardner, Senior, in his will for Lewis had been married by that time for many years, had moved from North Carolina to the Pee Dee section of South Carolina, and thence to St. Paul's Parish, Georgia, later called Richmond County, with his wife Hannah, and his ten children. He had probably received his share of the property at the time of his marriage. We know nothing of Ezekiel Gardner, one of the grandsons mentioned in Col. Needham Bryan's will, but the other grandson mentioned, William Gardner, came with his brother Lewis to Cheraws District, S. C., and on to Georgia with him.

The record of the Gardners in Georgia is easy to follow, through their various transactions, and the wills which they left on record. Even the old Gardner tombs in Georgia carefully list the names of parents, and frequently tell "what ailed them" when they died. The record of Elizabeth Brown Gardner, from Lewis Gardner, Jr., and his wife Mary, through Lewis Gardner, Sr., and his wife Hannah, through Martin Gardner, Jr., and his wife Sarah Bryan, through Martin Gardner, Sr., and his wife Ann, is very clear. Richmond County, Georgia, under the Crown called St. Paul's Parish, is one of the most interesting and historic sections of Georgia, and it was there that the Gardner family of Georgia had its beginning. When the Constitution of Georgia was adopted in 1777 St. Paul's Parish became Richmond County, Georgia, honoring the Duke of Richmond, a warm friend of American liberty, with Augusta as the County Seat. As originally constituted it included in large part the present counties of Columbia, Jefferson, McDuffie and Warren. It was in Augusta that the oldest school in Georgia was located, the Augusta Academy, and the oldest Georgia newspaper, the Augusta Chronicle, whose files are now owned by the University of Texas, was established. The first Baptist Church in Georgia, Kiokee Church, was organized in Richmond County in 1772, in the part that was cut off into Columbia County in 1790. Following the American Revolution, hordes of settlers poured into Georgia from Virginia and South Carolina through Richmond County, and Augusta became a

thriving city, the center of tobacco trading. Augusta served as the first capital of the state, but Louisville was substituted in 1795. George Washington visited Augusta in 1791, while it was still the State Capital, and was entertained at the old Augusta Academy, where as part of the ceremonies, he presented the prizes to the pupils.

The first of the family of Gardner to come to St. Paul's Parish was Lewis Gardner, Sr., of St. David's Parish, Craven County, South Carolina, on the Pee Dee River, a county no longer in existence. On October 5th, 1768, he and his brother William Gardner, were listed as voters in St. David's Parish, Craven County, S. C., in an election held for selecting a member of the Assembly for the Parish. We do not know the exact date of his removal to St. Paul's Parish in Georgia, but it is probable that he moved soon after the above election. However, we know that he stopped in Ninety Six District South Carolina en route for on May 9th, 1779, he witnessed the will of Dionysius Wright there. He was a member of the Welsh Neck Baptist settlement on the Pee Dee in South Carolina, and probably came to Georgia with Daniel Marshall, the Baptist Missionary who established the Kiokee Church in St. Paul's Parish in 1772. This early Church was located twenty-five or thirty miles N. W. of Augusta, now in the present bounds of Columbia County. When the church was incorporated by the State of Georgia in 1789 Lewis Gardner was listed as one of the incorporators and trustees. We know that he came to Georgia early enough to serve in Georgia as a Revolutionary Soldier, for he is listed among the Georgia Troops, and given Bounty Land in Washington County for his services under Col. Greenberry Lee in 1784. In the same year he petitioned for 1000 acres in Washington County for himself, his wife, ten children and one slave. Lewis Gardner, Sr., was married twice, first to Hannah, whose maiden name we do not know, and by whom he had ten children, and second to Verlinda, maiden name also unknown, who survived him. Hannah was still living in 1787 for she and her husband signed a joint deed, transferring 200 acres to Joshua Wynne, "Part purchased by said Gardner from William Candler, part of it granted to said Lewis Gardner, Sept. 16th, 1785". (Deed Book A. 2, p. 198, Richmond Co. Ga.). They signed another joint deed in the same year, transferring 33 acres, "granted Lewis Gardner Sept. 16th, 1785". From 1785-1797 he was granted a total of 1164 acres in Richmond County and Columbia County. Some of the descendants think that Hannah was the daughter of Col. George Gabriel Powell of St. David's Parish, Craven County,

S. C., for the name Hannah Powell has been carried on in the family of Jason Gardner, one of the sons of Hannah and Lewis Gardner, Sr., for many generations, though we have no proof of this. Lewis Gardner, Jr., named his only child Elizabeth BROWN Gardner, and that too has puzzled us for it was rare indeed for a woman to have a double name in 1806 when she was born. We have wondered if perhaps either Hannah or Mary Gardner was of the BROWN family.

Lewis Gardner, Senior, was a learned and beloved man of his day, holding many positions of honor and trust under his government. In 1781 he was appointed Sheriff of Richmond County, an office of considerable importance in Colonial days, and in the same year he was appointed Assistant Justice. On July 23rd, 1784, he was appointed Register of Probate for Richmond County, and then Register of Probate for Columbia County, taken from Richmond, in 1790. In 1783 he was appointed Tax Collector for Richmond County, but he refused to serve. He died in Columbia County in 1799, and his will was probated October 16th, 1799. In his will he refers to the following as his youngest children Verlinda Harris Gardner, Gray Bynum Gardner, and Rachel Allison Gardner, hence we believe them to have been the children of the second wife, Verlinda. These names are well known South Carolina names. Verlinda died in Wilkes County, Georgia, where her will was probated March 6th, 1826. William Davis, husband of her daughter Rachel Allison Gardner, qualified as Executor. We have not been able to establish the relationship of this William Davis to our Davis family.

Lewis Gardner, Jr., son of Lewis Gardner, Sr., and Hannah, named Executor of his father's estate, married Mary, whose maiden name we do not know. He died in Columbia County, Georgia, where his will was probated May 7th, 1810. His only child was Elizabeth Brown Gardner, who married William Davis, (1-1), and died in Russell County, Alabama, in 1853. After the death of Lewis Gardner, Jr., Mary Gardner married Charles Leith (Leath) in Richmond County, Georgia, January 9th, 1813, and on May 5th, 1818, Mary Leith went before the Court in Baldwin County and asked that Zachariah Chambless be appointed guardian of her daughter, Elizabeth B. Gardner, orphan of Lewis Gardner, deceased. Mary Leith lived to be a very old woman, and the last record we have of her lists her on the tax records of Twiggs County, Ga., in 1826, and as drawing in the Lottery of 1827 from Twiggs County as Mary Leith, widow.

The early records of Georgia are filled with references

to Lewis Gardner, Sr., and his sons, and because of Lewis' position in Richmond and Columbia Counties as Register of Probate, their names can be found on hundreds of the early documents there as well as in Candler's Colonial and Revolutionary Records, Knight's Georgia Roster of the Revolution, the Habersham Historical Collections, and the Minute and Will Books of the various counties mentioned. The children mentioned in the will of Lewis Gardner, Sr., were: Lewis Gardner, Jr., who married Mary, and was the father of Elizabeth Brown Gardner DAVIS, Ashel Gardner, William Gardner, Jesse Gardner, Sarah, Hannah, Mary, Nancy, and the three youngest children Gray Bynum Gardner, Verlinda Harris Gardner, and Rachel Allison Gardner who later married a William Davis, mentioned earlier. Jason Gardner was not mentioned in the will, but he had evidently already received his inheritance, for in the Inventory in 1800 "Oxen in the hands of Jason Gardner" is mentioned.

Lewis Gardner, Jr., in his will, probated May 7th, 1810, in Columbia County, names his wife Mary as Executrix, and leaves all of his property to her and to his only child Elizabeth Brown Gardner. He mentions 200 acres of land in Bullock County, on the Ogeechee River, besides his property in Columbia, and recites that in addition to his own share in his brother William's estate, he owns the share of his brother Jesse Gardner, which he wished to be used for the benefit of his daughter. He also left his daughter two slaves and "one Jewel watch".

SOME EARLY GARDNER RECORDS IN NORTH CAROLINA

Bertie Co. North Carolina.

Will of Martin Gardner, Senior,
January, 1760.

Mentions wife Ann, sons John, William, Martin, and James; daughters Ann, Jane, Catrine (Catherine), and Elizabeth.

Will of Martin Gardner, Jr.
August, 1784.

Mentions wife Sarah, daughters Sarah and Ann, sons John, Martin, Bryan and James. Executors, son John and Noah Hinton.

Test. William Bryan, Noah Hinton and Sally Gardner.

Will of James Gardner.

Mentions wife Mary, sons Averitt and William, daughter Pluriby Holmes (wife of Shadrack), heirs of my deceased brothers, William, Martin and John Gardner: son Alexander, daughters Mary Harrell, Elizabeth Harrell, Winney Gardner, Patience, James, and Celia Gardner.

The will has no date, and from the wording is confusing. However, in Deed Book 2, p. 89, 7-17-1793, James Gardner "for the esteem I have for my two brothers John and Bryan Gardner and sister Ann Purvis I give them 120 acres of land".

Deed Book P. 404.
March 6th, 1793.

Bryan Gardner sells to brother John Gardner "all my right to tract of land bequeathed to Martin Gardner, Jr., deceased, by Martin Gardner, Sr., deceased."

Court Minutes, May, 1795.

Bryan Gardner sells a slave to Joel Holland.

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John Gardner married Mourning Lassiter, 10-27-1786.
Martin Gardner, Witness.

Bryan Gardner married Ann Horton, 7-9-1795.

William Gardner married Penelope Eason, 12-25-1797.

The earliest Gardner deed on record in Bertie Co. was of John Gardner to William Gardner in 1728, Book C, p. 26.

CHOWAN COUNTY, N. C., RECORDS

Henry Gardner Will, 12-7-1815.

Mentions wife Catherine, daughters Emily and Elizabeth, sister, Betsy Rhodes.

The Chowan County Gardners were connected with those of Tyrrell County.

The late Worth S. Ray in his book "The lost Tribes of North Carolina," p. 655, says that all of the Bryans in the Country are descended from Edward Bryan who came over from England in the Bona Nova in 1620, and who patented 100 acres two miles below Blunt Point, Elizabeth City Coun-

ty, Virginia in 1624. They came into N. C. from Isle of Wight, Surry, and Nansemond Counties. Edward Bryan, son or grandson of the above Edward, married Christian Council, daughter of Lucy Hardy and Hodges Council, and had the following children: Needham, John, William, Richard, Lewis and Hardy. From the William mentioned above, the record would follow the Bryan record in this book, for he is the William who came to North Carolina with his two sons, John and Needham. However, Mr. Ray says that the FIRST Edward Bryan was the husband of Alice Needham, and NOT William Bryan of Pasquotank, North Carolina, whom Hathaway credits with being the husband of Alice Needham. Mr. Ray is probably correct for the Needham name was given to one of William's brothers.

CHAPTER V

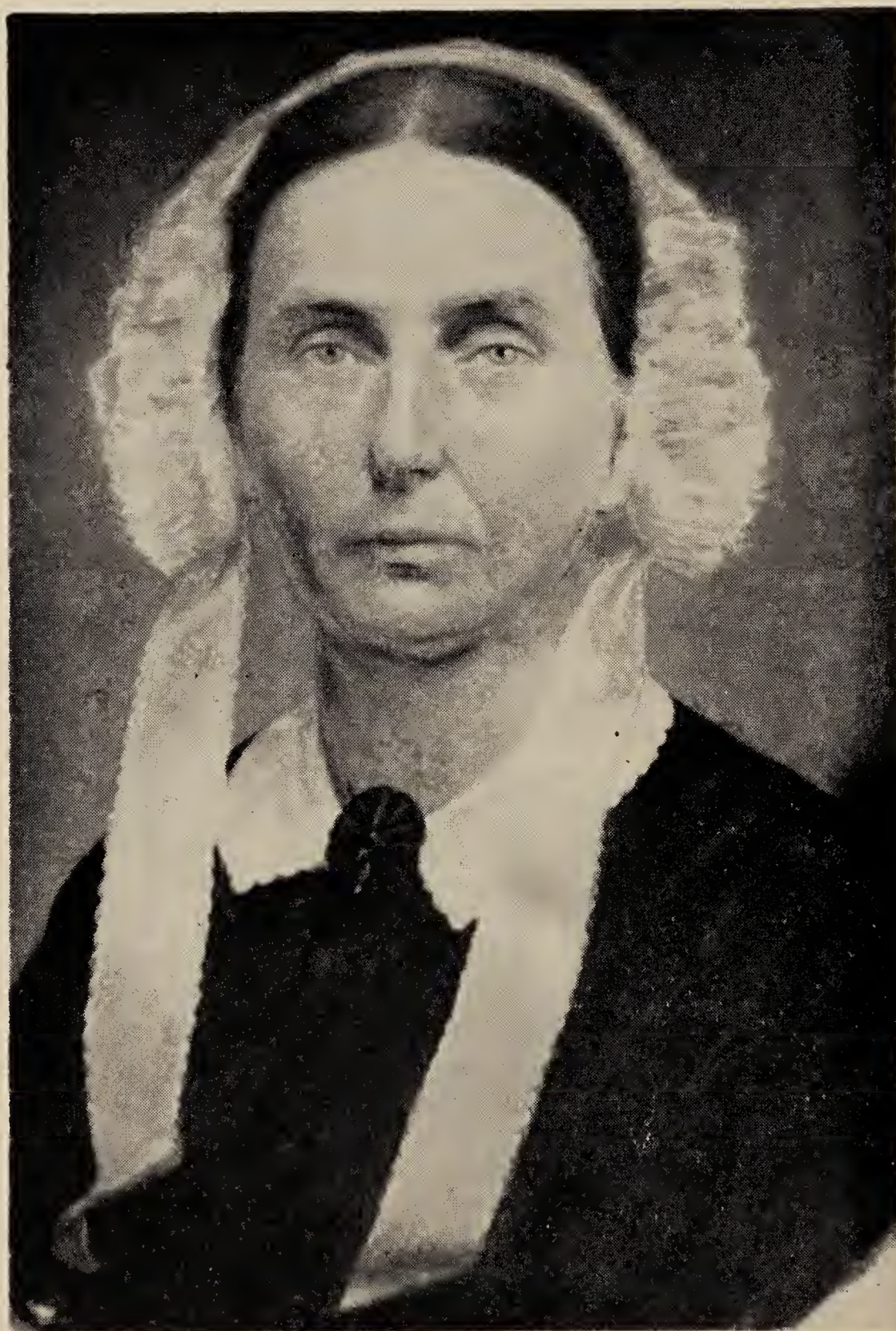
MARTHA DAVIS

- 1-2. Martha Davis, second child of John Davis Esq., and Rebecca Jones, b. 7-4-1800, d. 1874, m. circa 1817 William A. Tharpe, b. 9-5-1788, d. 9-25-1841, son of Vincent Allentharpe, and his second wife, Sarah Pierson of South Carolina, whom he married 1-10-1787, and who died in 1832 in Twiggs County.

The Allentharpe family is closely connected with the Davis family of Georgia, as there were many marriages between them. From the records compiled by Eleanor Davis McSwain, Bible records of the family, the diary of Charnick A. Tharpe, son of Vincent, and official tax digests, wills, court records, and Baptist histories, we have a very accurate record of this estimable family, who did so much to spread the Baptist faith in Georgia. The original name of the family was ALLENTHARPE, finally abbreviated to A.THARPE, and in later years became THARPE. From the above various sources we learn that Vincent Allentharpe, the progenitor of the family in Georgia, was born, November 18th, 1760, in Virginia, moved to South Carolina about the time of the Revolution, where he served as a soldier under General Marion, the colorful "Swamp Fox". Shortly after the Revolution he moved to Washington County, Georgia, where in 1784 he was given a land grant for his services in the Revolution. His first marriage was to a Miss Rogers, by whom he had two children, John Allentharpe, Jr., b. 9-1-1781, and Mary, b. 1-28-1783, both of whom must have been born in South Carolina.

The following children and grandchildren of Vincent Allentharpe married into the Davis family:

1. John Allentharpe, Jr., so called to distinguish him from another John Allentharpe who came later to Twiggs County, and though a relative, was not of this immediate family, came to Twiggs Co. with his father in 1811. He married Elizabeth Hatcher and had eleven children, and both his will and that of his wife, is on file in Bibb County. His ninth child, Obedience Tharpe, b. 1823, d. 1905, married James



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McCormick Davis, b. 7-6-1817, the tenth child of John Davis esquire and Rebecca Jones.

Vincent Allentharp m. 2) Sarah Pierson, 1-10-1787, by whom he had eight children, and those listed below married members of the Davis family:

2. William A. Tharpe, b. 10-5-1788, m. Martha Davis, 2nd child of John Davis Esquire.
3. Charnick Tharpe, b. 2-27-1790.
 - a. His grandson, George Washington Tharpe, son of Simeon Tharpe, m. Mary Ann (Mollie) Rebecca Davis, 5th child of John Davis, Esquire.
 - b. His great granddaughter, Mary Elizabeth Jones, m. John Norwood Davis, great grandson of John Davis, Esquire.
 - c. Mary Elizabeth Tharpe, granddaughter of Charnick, m. John Davis Tharpe, son of Nancy Davis and Fletcher Tharpe, and grandson of John Davis, Esquire.
4. Nancy A. Tharpe, b. 1-15-1792, m. 1) Willoughby Suggart Hill, b. 1788, d. 1822, and whose son, Vincent A. Hill, m. Mariah Davis, 9th child of John Davis, Esquire.
5. Jeremiah A. Tharpe, b. 10-1-1793, whose grandson, Monroe C. Tharpe, son of William Vincent A. Tharpe, m. Ophelia Lundy, granddaughter of Martha Davis, and great granddaughter of John Davis, Esquire.
6. Fletcher A. Tharpe, b. 11-17-1797, m. Nancy Davis, 6th child of John Davis Esquire.

Vincent Allentharp was listed on the tax records of Wilkes Co. Ga. in 1793, and in Warren Co. in 1805, where he joined the Brier Creek Baptist Church, and was ordained as a preacher of that faith. He also preached at Rocky Creek and Sweetwater Church in Burke Co. at different times. According to the Diary of his son, Charnick A. Tharpe, he moved to Twiggs County in 1811, where he was Pastor of Stone Creek Church, then located near Dry Branch, Georgia, until his death, September 23rd, 1825.

Martha Davis, who married William A. Tharpe, was born in Burke County, Georgia, but came to Twiggs County with her parents between 1806-1812, about the

same time that the Tharpe family settled there. John Davis Esquire, her father, drew in the land Lottery of 1806 from Martin's district in Burke County, and drew a lot in Twiggs. He evidently moved to this new location as soon as it was possible to get ready for his family. We do not have the exact date of Martha's marriage, but it must have been about 1817, judging by the birth of her children. We do not have the date of birth of the first child, Melvina Tharpe, but we do have the date of birth of the second child, Benjamin Franklin Tharpe, who was born Sept. 16th, 1819. Martha and her husband lived in Twiggs County for a short time after their marriage, but later moved to Houston County, near Perry Georgia, where they continued to live for the rest of their lives, although William Tharpe is buried in Twiggs County in the Tharpe family cemetery.

Martha Davis was almost a child at the time of her marriage, but she was endowed with remarkable business ability, and in spite of her large family of ten children, and widowed in 1841, when most of the children were very young, she managed her large plantation, her slaves, and her family, with unusual success. Due to a lucky accident, her plantation in Houston County, escaped the ravage and destruction of Sherman's army in his march through Georgia in the War between the States, though the property of her brothers and sisters across the Ocmulgee River in Twiggs and Bibb, lost everything to the vandals, and were left almost destitute for many years. The story is told that the Ocmulgee River at that time was at flood stage, and that it was impossible for the Yankee troops to cross the river, hence the kith and kin on the East side of the river lost everything, while Martha, who was on the west side of the river in Houston County escaped the pillage. A woman refugee, who found sanctuary in Martha's home in 1864, in an article in the Macon Messenger or Telegraph, soon after Martha's death, gave a graphic description of Martha's lovely, well kept home, her attractive children, and her administrative and executive ability. Though she was a strict disciplinarian, and meticulous, in both her housekeeping and her control of the plantation, she was reported by this stranger, who shared her hospitality, to be generous and charitable. Since the article gives a clear picture of plantation

life in Georgia, at that particular time, I am quoting it in full:

“A TRIBUTE TO THE OLD THARPE FAMILY”

“I can not forbear from speaking of this noble, old Tharpe family of which two grand daughters, Mrs. J. B. Riley, and Mrs. Osgood Willingham are wives of two of Macon’s best citizens. I regard it as a special providence when, as a refugee, in 1864, I stopped in their neighborhood. There were four goodly plantations near Perry, almost adjoining, the property of three sons and their mother, who was widowed when her youngest daughter was an infant. She managed her estate and added largely to its value for twenty-five years, and reared to their majority a family of five sons and five daughters. The daughters were Malvina, Ellen, Julia, Addie, and Georgia, and the sons were Rev. B. F., William A., James D., Augustus and Mortimer.

The daughters were worthy of the mother and all very pretty, two celebrated in the United States and Canada for their great beauty, and two grand daughters had the same singular beauty, one dying in Paris, where she and her husband, a prominent lawyer from Alabama, were spending a month or two at the same time with Abbott, the Historian, who at her death wrote the bereaved mother a very tender and sympathetic letter, speaking of the admiration bestowed on her there, not only for her beauty, but for her sweet disposition and attractive personality.

The other, Mrs. Ernest Hobbs, great grand daughter, sheds a radiance over the city in which she lives in a Northern state. Her beauty attracted admiration when she went there, the bride of a Northern man. They regarded her as one of “Prof. Scheuemann’s uncivilized Southern products”. In a short time they were disillusioned, and now she stands pre-eminently, her opinions and advice sought and appreciated.

This is a digression, and I return to the dear old mother, whose administrative and executive ability were equal to any planter around her. The beautiful home, surrounded by perfectly kept hedges, gorgeous rose vines, gardenias, and other flowering plants, freighted the air with their perfume. Her hospitality was celebrated, her cuisine, unexcelled. Poultry, cattle, hogs raised on the plantation with corn, cane, wheat,

left nothing but sugar and coffee to supply her bounteous table. Thousands of dollars worth of cotton, laid under the gin house, valued and saved, sold after the surrender, for 50 cents a pound. The Negro quarters were nice, white washed houses, well built, with brick chimneys, presenting the appearance of a village, to the left of the big house. The cotton that clothed this troupe of Negroes was grown, carded, spun, and woven by the women of the plantation, then cut into garments by the Mistress and the seamstress. Even the buttons were made with home made thread, that made the garments.

I wish I could have preserved a picture of these slaves, as one Sunday morning men, women and children, were all ushered in the large back yard, clad in new, comfortable garments, issued the previous night. The grown ones wore the garments made from cloth dyed with native herbs and roots. Jane, the seamstress, was in charge of the pickaninnies, and what was called "the trash gangs". She brought them up in front of the wide steps at the back porch, called Mistress out to see her little Negroes, made them all bow and scrape and courtsy and thank "Missus" for their new outfits. The black, shiny faces of the little ones presented a striking contrast to their white clothes. Then pans of Clabber and buttermilk, with hoe cake and hominy, were placed under the trees, and the little ones had their morning meal.

Every department of the plantation passed under her supervision, though her son, William, who was an invalid, used to ride over to see his mother, and generally approve of all of her plans. Everything was kept in repair. We were in her carriage, going to church one Sunday, and the gate through which the road led, happened to have a broken hinge. She called out, "Scip, this must be fixed. It looks like some poor old widow's place." I knew that would be repaired before we ate breakfast the next morning.

Her charity and kindly visits to the sick and poor, with a basket swinging on the horn of her saddle, were a familiar sight. In that basket would be domestic wine, and all the tempting delicacies that appeal to the capricious appetite of an invalid. Her sweet, bright face, framed in her thread lace trimmed cap, was an inspiration.

No woman can do as she did, nowadays, in these changed conditions—up at day break, galloping over the plantation until ten o'clock, when she would return for the day, knowing that her instructions would be carried out, just as they were given.

Her interest in the writer and her kindness to a perfect stranger within her gates are treasured up in my heart of hearts, and I loved her and her children, and her children's children unto the fourth generation, and felt it a privilege to do any one of them a kindness. I have always thought that she might have lived much longer, but for the results of the war, which carried many to premature graves. I think it is well to call up those noble types, and honor their memory. When the Saviour comes to gather up his jewels, many of these kindly old slave holders will hear the welcome plaudit, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord". She did not neglect the spiritual welfare of her slaves, for they attended services at a church built for the Tharpe negroes, where she often went to hear her son preach to them."

Issue of Martha Davis and William A. Tharpe:

1-2-1. Melvina Tharpe, m. 1) John Thompson, m. 2) Robert Johnson.

Issue:

1-2-1-1. Mattie Thompson, m. John Harrelson.

Issue: Four children who died in childhood.

1-2-1-2. William Thompson, d. as a Confederate soldier.

1-2-1-3. Jennie Thompson, m. 1) Capt. Will Dunklin, who was in the Selma Guards, and killed at Gettysburg.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-1. Mattie Dunklin, mentioned in article quoted above, m. Ernest Hobbs of Aurora, Ill.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-1-1. Alice Hobbs, m. Francis Worcester.

1-2-1-3-1-2. Edwin Hobbs.

1-2-1-3-2. Lee Dunklin, teacher in Columbus, Ga. Unmarried.

Jennie Thompson, m. 2) Henry Samuel Feagin, b. 7-22-1840.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-3. George B. Feagin, m. Annie Smith, Tennille, Ga.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-3-1. Annie Laurie Feagin, m. J. C. Hamilton, Dublin, Georgia.

1-2-1-3-3-2. Joe Richard Feagin, d. in childhood.

1-2-1-3-4. Ned Thomas Feagin, m. Lessie Willis, Walden, Georgia.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-4-1. Jerry Willis Feagin, m. Frances Whitesides.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-4-1-1. Frances Feagin.

1-2-1-3-4-1-2. Jean Feagin.

1-2-1-3-4-1-3. Jerry Willis Feagin, Jr.

1-2-1-3-4-2. Ned Thomas Feagin, Jr., m. Geneva Massey, Tifton, Georgia.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-4-2-1. Ned Thomas Feagin, 3rd.

1-2-1-3-5. Harry Feagin, d. s.p.

1-2-1-3-6. Robert Feagin, m. 1) Dolores Nottingham. No issue. m. 2) Elizabeth Matthews.

Issue:

1-2-1-3-6-1. Robert R. Feagin, Jr., m. Dorothy Hollingsworth, Sylvania, Ga.

1-2-1-3-6-2. Elizabeth Matthews Feagin, m. Steve M. Solomon, 3rd, Macon, Ga.

1-2-1-3-6-3. Virginia Margaret Feagin, m. Henry Small.

1-2-2. Benjamin Franklin Tharpe, second child of Martha Davis and William A. Tharpe, b. 9-16-1819, d. 1899, m. 1843 Martha Jackson, b. 1826, d. 1896.

Benjamin Franklin Tharpe was a Baptist minister, and quite famous in his church. He was one of the first graduates of Mercer University, and in 1851 served on the Board of Trustees of the University. In 1873 he was awarded the Degree of Doctor of Divinity by the University. Most of his work for his church was done without pay, for he made his living by farming. When the War between the States was over, and a new Constitution was to be formed, he represented Houston County in the Constitutional Convention of 1877.

Issue:

1-2-2-1. Albert Tharpe. No record.

1-2-2-2. Aurelia Tharpe, b. 12-22-1845, d. 1924, m. 6-20-1871 Judge Joe A. Ansley, b. 5-30-1834.

Issue:

- 1-2-2-2-1. Joe A. Ansley, Jr., b. 6-20-1872, d. 1924, m. Jessie Whittaker.

Issue:

- 1-2-2-2-1-1. Mary Ansley, b. 3-17-1903.
1-2-2-2-1-2. Joseph A. Ansley, 3rd, b. 7-4-1906.
1-2-2-2-1-3. Whittaker Ansley, b. 2-14-1909.
1-2-2-2-2. Frank Tharpe Ansley, b. 1-14-1875. Unmarried.
1-2-2-2-3. Martha Ansley, b. 1-6-1877, Americus, Ga., m. 9-25-1901 John Powers Cooper, Perry, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-2-2-2-3-1. Aurelia Cooper.
1-2-2-2-3-2. Martha Ansley Cooper.
1-2-2-2-4. Albert Tharpe Ansley, b. 9-29-1882, m. 1916 Ada Williams.

Issue:

- 1-2-2-2-4-1. Mary Frances Ansley, b. 1923.
1-2-2-2-5. Henry Tucker Ansley, b. 11-4-1887. Unmarried.
1-2-2-3. Claudia Tharpe, b. 1847, d. 1910, m. Hugh Lawson, b. 1844, d. 1878.

Issue:

- 1-2-2-3-1. Mattie Lawson, m. Andrew Langdon Chieves of Montezuma, Ga.
1-2-2-3-2. Claudia Lawson, m. James Pate, Cordele, Ga.

Issue: Two children.

- 1-2-2-3-3. Hugh Lawson, Jr., m. 1) Tony Martin, m. 2) Kate Cooper.

Issue: By which wife unknown.

- 1-2-2-3-3-1. Mary Lawson, m. James Duggan, Perry, Ga.
1-2-2-3-3-2. Katherine Lawson, m. W. W. Weddington, Hawkinsville, Ga.
1-2-2-3-3-3. Hugh Lawson, 3rd, m. Louise Moore.
1-2-2-3-3-4. Powers Cooper Lawson.
1-2-2-4. Eugenia Tharpe, m. Macon Warthen.
1-2-2-5. Ophelia Tharpe, m. Howell Erwin.

Issue:

- 1-2-2-5-1. Howell Erwin, Jr.
1-2-2-5-2. Frank Erwin.

1-2-2-6. Ida Tharpe, b. 7-27-1862, in Perry, Georgia, d. 3-17-1925 in Macon, Georgia, m. 11-29-1881 in Perry, Georgia, Osgood Pierce Willingham, graduate of Richmond College, Richmond, Va., and Deacon in First Baptist Church in Macon, b. 8-23-1857 in Allendale, S. C., d. 6-7-1933 in Macon, Ga. Mentioned in newspaper article written by refugee in home of Martha Davis Tharpe.

Issue:

1-2-2-6-1. Ida Tharpe Willingham, b. 10-17-1883, d. 3-29-1918, m. 10-14-1903, J. C. Kemme. No issue.

1-2-2-6-2. Osgood Pierce Willingham, Jr., b. 10-21-1885, m. 10-12-1910, Helen Regina Spain of Quitman, Georgia, who was educated at Lucy Cobb Institute. Osgood Pierce Willingham, Jr., was educated at Richmond College, Richmond, Va.

Issue:

1-2-2-6-2-1. Osgood Spain Willingham, b. 10-13-1912, graduated at Georgia Tech, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha fraternity, served in the Navy in World War II, m. Josephine T. Happ, who was educated at Sweetbrier College. Both active in Christ Episcopal Church, where he is a Vestryman. Issue, three children.

1-2-2-6-3. Elizabeth Baynard Willingham, b. 7-31-1889, m. 11-14-1912, Cathey Y. Alexander, Vestryman of Christ Episcopal Church, where they are both active members.

Issue:

1-2-2-6-3-1. Elizabeth (Betty) Alexander, educated at Shorter College, Feagin Dramatic School, and Wesleyan Conservatory, and active in Junior League, m. Willie H. Smith, member of Pi Kappa Alpha at Mercer University.

Issue:

1-2-2-6-3-1-1. Elizabeth Eugenia Smith, b. 1939.

1-2-2-6-3-1-2. Cathey Alexander Smith, b. 1941.

1-2-2-6-3-1-3. Willie H. Smith, Jr., b. 1948.

1-2-2-6-4. William Holt Willingham, b. 10-20-1892, d. 1-25-1952. D. s.p.

1-2-2-6-5. Eugenia Willingham, b. 1-13-1895, m. 1) J. C. Kemme; m. 2) Julian S. Lewis; m. 3) Cliff M. Hatcher.

- 1-2-2-7. Martha Tharpe, seventh child of Benjamin Franklin Tharpe, did not marry until she was past middle age, when she married Judge Covington. No issue.
- 1-2-2-8. Valeria Tharpe, m. Irving (Erwin) Dennard, Perry, Ga. No issue.
- 1-2-3. Ellen Tharpe, third child of Martha Davis and William A. Tharpe, m. James C. Denham, Eatonton, Georgia. Issue:
- 1-2-3-1. Algernon Denham, m. Kate Harwell.
- Issue:
- 1-2-3-1-1. Bessie Denham, m. Joe Camp, Atlanta, Ga.
- 1-2-3-1-2. Callie Denham, m. James B. Nesbit, Atlanta, Georgia.
- 1-2-3-1-3. Algernon Denham, Jr., m. Maribelle Haskins. Algernon died at age 58.
- 1-2-3-2. Willey Denham, b. 9 - 20 - 1849, d. 7-27-1922, m. Frances Wynn.
- Issue:
- 1-2-3-2-1. Jim Mort Denham, b. 3-27-1882, m. 12-14-1911, Ruth Irwin.
- Issue:
- 1-2-3-2-1-1. James Denham, Jr.
- 1-2-3-2-2. Edward T. Denham, b. 2-19-1887, m. 1910, Florence Adams.
- Issue:
- 1-2-3-2-2-1. Frances Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-2-2. Edward Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-2-3. Eloise Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-2-4. Carlton Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-2-5. Rogers Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-2-6. Ellis Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-2-7. Florence Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-3. Pansy Denham, b. 12-7-1888, m. 1910, Thomas Ray Lee.
- Issue:
- 1-2-3-2-3-1. William Denham Lee.
- 1-2-3-2-3-2. Charles Sanford Lee.
- 1-2-3-2-3-3. Frank Tharpe Lee.
- 1-2-3-2-3-4. Mary Frances Lee, m. John F. Kitchen, Baltimore, Md.
- 1-2-3-2-4. Ellie Denham, b. 5-1-1893, d. 11-12-1924, m. John Knox. No issue.
- 1-2-3-2-5. Frank T. Denham, b. 5-17-1894, m. 8-13-1919, Lucy Pace, Jackson, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-2-5-1. Julia Myrtle Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-5-2. Lucy Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-5-3. Frank T. Denham, Jr.
- 1-2-3-2-5-4. Annette Denham.
- 1-2-3-2-6. Richmond Terrell Denham, b. 9-30-1898.
- 1-2-3-2-7. Kitty Denham, b. 1900, m. Harry Wenzel, Decatur, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-2-7-1. Barbara Wenzel.
- 1-2-3-3. Julia Denham, b. 1853, d. 1927, m. 1873, Charles M. Sanders.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-3-1. Dr. Laetus Sanders, b. 1874, d. 1947, m. Mary Bennett. Lived in Commerce Ga.
- 1-2-3-3-2. Ruth Sanders, b. 1875, m. Charles M. Walker, Penfield, Georgia.

Issue: One son, Charles, who died in infancy.

- 1-2-3-3-3. Karl D. Sanders, b. 6-19-1877, m. 12-18-1913, Mary Walton, Eatonton, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-3-3-1. Karl D. Sanders, Jr.
- 1-2-3-3-3-2. Evelyn Sanders (Beasley).
- 1-2-3-3-4. Tharpe Sanders, b. 1879, m. Maude Pitman, Commerce, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-3-4-1. Tharpe Sanders, Jr.
- 1-2-3-3-4-2. Reagan Sanders.
- 1-2-3-3-4-3. Charles Sanders.
- 1-2-3-3-5. Reagan H. Sanders, b. 1881, d. 1905.
- 1-2-3-3-6. Mary Ellen Sanders, b. 9-1-1883, m. Homer R. McClatchy, Penfield, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-3-6-1. Julia Adelaide McClatchy.
- 1-2-3-3-6-2. Homer R. McClatchy, Jr.
- 1-2-3-3-6-3. Ruth W. McClatchy.
- 1-2-3-3-7. Julia Sanders, b. 4-16-1891, d. 1909, while a student at Winston-Salem College.
- 1-2-3-4. Ellen Tharpe Denham, b. 6-25-1854, d. 10-21-1947, m. Adam Rodgers Cason, b. 1-25-1850, d. 5-24-1924. Lived in Jewell, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-2-3-4-1. Denham Cason, b. 12-7-1884, m. —————.

Issue:

1-2-3-4-1-1. Roberta Cason, m. Warren Cox.

Issue:

1-2-3-4-1-1-1. Ellen Deane Cox.

1-2-3-4-1-1-2. Warren Albert Cox.

1-2-3-4-1-2. Hugh A. Cason, b. 10-28-1890, m. Alberta Gray, Macon Ga.

1-2-3-5. Mortimer T. Denham, m. Isabel Colley, Washington, Georgia.

Issue:

1-2-3-5-1. Henry T. Denham, m. Maggie Spivey, Eaton, Ga.

Issue:

1-2-3-5-1-1. Henry Denham (Twin).

1-2-3-5-1-2. Henrietta Denham (Twin).

1-2-3-5-2. Paul Denham. Unmarried.

1-2-3-5-3. Fannie Lou Denham, m. John Sammons.

Issue:

1-2-3-5-3-1. John Sammons.

1-2-3-5-3-2. Carolyn Sammons.

1-2-3-5-3-3. Elizabeth Sammons.

1-2-3-5-3-4. Rebecca Sammons.

1-2-3-5-3-5. Fannie Lou Sammons.

1-2-3-5-3-6. Mell Sammons.

1-2-3-5-4. Helen Denham, m. T. R. Nabers.

1-2-3-5-5. Isabel Denham, m. 1919, John Colquitt.

Issue:

1-2-3-5-5-1. John Colquitt, Jr.

1-2-4. Julia Arabella Tharpe, fourth child of Martha Davis, and William A. Tharpe, b. 1824, d. 1883, m. 3-27-1845 William Lundy, b. 1822, d. 1902. Both buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Ga.

Issue:

1-2-4-1. Walter E. Lundy, d. 2-27-1912, m. 1) Kate Barry; m. 2) Unknown; m. 3) Mary Lou Jewett.

Issue, by which wife unknown:

1-2-4-1-1. Bright (Bert) William Lundy, m. Iva Spillers.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-1-1. Walter Aubrey Lundy, b. 3-17-1901. Graduate of University of Georgia. Veteran of World War I, m. Ruth Holden, Cairo, Georgia.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-1-1-1. Dorothy Iva Lundy.

1-2-4-1-1-1-2. Walter Aubrey Lundy, Jr.

1-2-4-1-1-2. James Felix Lundy, b. 12-9-1904, d. 5-11-1944, m. Helen Theiss of New York.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-1-2-1. James Felix Lundy, Jr., m. Patricia Kitts, Los Angeles.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-1-2-1-1. Linda Jean Lundy.

1-2-4-1-1-2-2. Barry Williams Lundy. With U. S. Army in Korea.

1-2-4-1-1-2-3. Georgia Lundy.

1-2-4-1-2. Robert Lundy, m. Mae Thigpen of Mississippi.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-2-1. William Lundy. Unmarried.

1-2-4-1-2-2. Barry Lundy, m. Inez Woodall.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-2-2-1. Barry Lundy, Jr.

1-2-4-1-2-3. Wanda Lundy, m. Edwin Hale.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-2-3-1. E. W. Hale, Jr.

1-2-4-1-2-4. Miriam Lundy, m. Todd Wright, Editor Collier's Magazine.

Issue: Three daughters.

1-2-4-1-3. Julia Kate Lundy, m. Albert Barry.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-3-1. Alberta Barry, m. Vauter Porper, Hood River, Ore.

Issue:

1-2-4-1-3-1-1. Kate Cecilia Porper.

1-2-4-1-3-1-2. Vauter Porper, Jr.

1-2-4-1-4. Nellie Lundy. Unmarried.

1-2-4-1-5. Evelyn Lundy, dau. of Mary Lou Jewett Lundy, third wife of Walter Lundy.

1-2-4-2. Ella Lundy, second child of Julia Arabella Tharpe, and William Lundy, m. Eden Taylor. No issue.

Ella Lundy Taylor was vitally interested in the history of her family, and much of the information concerning the older members of the family was secured from the scrap

books which she had kept throughout the years. She died January 11th, 1927.

1-2-4-3. Bright W. Lundy, m. 1880 Bettie Johnson.

1-2-4-4. Georgia Lundy, b. 1854, m. 9-6-1883 Major Richard M. Bryne, b. 1844, d. 1911. Lived in Grand Island, Florida.

Issue:

1-2-4-4-1. Richard Bryne, Jr., b. 1885. Unmarried.

1-2-4-4-2. Ellen Bryne, b. 1890, d. 1950. Unmarried.

1-2-4-5. Lucius Lundy. Never married.

1-2-4-6. James Lundy, died in infancy.

1-2-4-7. Ophelia Lundy, b. 1862, d. 5-16-1906, m. 1-6-1898, Monroe Tharpe, b. 12-5-1854, d. 1-26-1934. Both buried in Macon.

Issue:

1-2-4-7-1. Lois Tharpe, b. 10-16-1899, m. Tom Hill, b. 10-5-1896.

Issue:

1-2-4-7-1-1. Julia Hill, b. 4-4-1922, m. W. D. Underwood, b. 10-15-1920.

Issue:

1-2-4-7-1-1-1. W. D. Underwood, Jr., b. 11-11-1949 in Japan, where his father was in the U. S. Service.

1-2-4-7-1-2. Thomas H. Hill, Jr., b. 2-26-1924, m. Amy Adams, b. 1928.

1-2-4-7-1-3. Louise Hill, b. 10-8-1929, m. Alan J. Burkhalter, b. 10-14-1926.

Issue:

1-2-4-7-1-3-1. Louise Tharpe Burkhalter, b. 4-21-1951.

1-2-4-7-1-4. Monroe Tharpe Hill, b. 3-17-1936.

1-2-4-8. Linton Lundy, d. circa 1945, m. Lula Kilpatrick.

Issue:

1-2-4-8-1. Linton Lundy, Jr.

1-2-4-8-2. Dorothy Lundy (Jones).

1-2-4-8-3. Lucy Lundy.

1-2-4-8-4. Clarence Lundy.

1-2-5. William Tharpe, fifth child of Martha Davis and William A. Tharpe, b. 11-17-1827 in Twiggs County, Ga., m. in Houston County, Ga., near Wellston, 7-12-1855 Martha Ann Feagin, b. in Houston County, 1-12-1837.

Issue:

1-2-5-1. Alma Tharpe, b. 4-4-1862, Houston County, m. in Houston County, 7-12-1883. Judge Henry Walter Baldwin, b. Buckhead, Morgan County, Ga., 3-2-1850, d. 7-1-1918, in Madison, Ga.

Issue:

1-2-5-1-1. William Tharpe Baldwin, b. Houston County, Ga., 6-22-1884, m. Sarah Sue Lankford.

Issue:

1-2-5-1-1-1. Sarah Frances Baldwin.

1-2-5-1-2. Mattie May Baldwin, b. 5-24-1886, d. before 1926, m. James C. Acton, Augusta, Georgia.

Issue:

1-2-5-1-2-1. Alma Tharpe Acton.

1-2-5-1-2-2. William Dandridge Acton.

1-2-5-1-3. Henry Walter Baldwin, b. Madison, Ga., 1-3-1889, m. Helen Russell Irvine.

Issue:

1-2-5-1-3-1. Henry Walter Baldwin, 3rd.

1-2-5-1-3-2. Anne Irvine Baldwin.

1-2-5-1-3-3. Tharpe Baldwin.

1-2-5-1-3-4. Betty Baldwin.

1-2-5-1-3-5. Jane Baldwin.

1-2-5-1-3-6. Alma Tharpe Baldwin.

1-2-5-1-4. Thomas Beverly Baldwin, b. Madison, Ga., 12-18-1893, m. 4-23-1918 Amelia Nott Parker, d. 11-1-1933.

Issue:

1-2-5-1-4-1. Thomas Beverly Baldwin, Jr., b. 1-19-1919.

1-2-5-1-4-2. Laura Stovall Baldwin, b. 7-15-1922.

1-2-5-1-5. George Feagin Baldwin, b. 11-9-1896, Madison Georgia, d. 1934, m. Helen Eagan Selleck. Live in Denver, Colo.

Issue:

1-2-5-1-5-1. Louise Baldwin.

1-2-5-2. William Davis Tharpe, b. 11-8-1864, m. Martha Culpepper. Live in Ft. Valley, Georgia.

Issue:

1-2-5-2-1. William Davis Tharpe, Jr., m. Elsie Gray Sanchez.

1-2-5-2-2. Jack H. Tharpe, m. Grace Smisson.

1-2-5-2-3. Robert Carr Tharpe.

1-2-5-3. Georgia Virginia Tharpe, b. 7-22-1867, m. Dr. D. H. Ramseur.

1-2-5-4. Thomas Edwin Tharpe, b. 9-14-1870, m. Elizabeth Warren.

Issue:

1-2-5-4-1. Ruth Tharpe, m. Albert Wade, Macon, Ga.

1-2-5-4-2. William Tharpe, m. 1) Mary Newby; m. 2) Louise Rushing.

Issue:

1-2-5-4-2-1. Mary Newby Tharpe.

1-2-5-4-2-2. Shirley Tharpe.

1-2-5-4-3. Fred Tharpe. Married and had one son.

1-2-5-4-4. Thomas Tharpe, m. Frances Jones.

Issue:

1-2-5-4-4-1. Jeffie Tharpe (girl).

1-2-5-4-4-2. Ed Tharpe.

1-2-5-4-5. Walter Tharpe. Unmarried.

1-2-5-5. Earnest Feagin Tharpe, b. 3-24-1873, m. 2-16-1911, Lucia Reddy, Byron, Ga.

Issue:

1-2-5-5-1. Martha Tharpe, b. 2-23-1912, d. 1-21-1941, m. 6-6-1933, Cyril A. Rau.

Issue:

1-2-5-5-1-1. Jerre Ann Rau, b. 5-14-1934.

1-2-5-5-1-2. Martha Rau, b. 1-21-1941.

1-2-5-5-2. Virginia Tharpe, b. 5-1-1918, d. 6-16-1938.

1-2-5-5-3. Margaret DeLane Tharpe, b. 4-2-1925, m. 1948, Paul Stalnaker.

Issue:

1-2-5-5-3-1. Kathryn Virginia Stalnaker, b. 11-20-1948.

1-2-5-5-3-2. Robert Stalnaker, b. 1950.

1-2-6. James Davis Tharpe, sixth child of Martha Davis and William A. Tharpe, m. 1) Jane Killen, daughter of John and Margaret Shine Killen, m. 2) Ruth Coalson.

James Davis Tharpe and Jane Killen had five children, and after Jane's death the children went to live with their grandmother Martha Davis Tharpe. Most of the data on Martha Davis Tharpe was secured from one of these grandchildren, Margaret Tharpe Solomon. James Davis Tharpe and Ruth Coalson had only one child, Coalson Tharpe.

Issue:

1-2-6-1. Julia Tharpe, b. 12-20-1860, d. 9-8-1940, m. 2-15-1882, Joseph Blount Riley of Perry, Ga., b. 11-21-1860, d. 1933.

Joseph Blount Riley was a successful wholesale druggist in Macon, Georgia, where he moved in 1884 from his home in Perry, and was active in many civic, benevolent and church enterprises.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-1. James T. Riley, m. Annie Laurie LeQuin.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-1-1. Margaret Riley, m. Carter Printup.

1-2-6-1-1-2. Josephine Riley, m. 1) Fred Toole, m. 2) Clifton Paul Michael.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-1-2-1. Fred Toole, Jr.

1-2-6-1-1-2-2. Paul Michael, Jr.

1-2-6-1-2. Joseph B. Riley, Jr. Unmarried.

1-2-6-1-3. Jennie Riley, m. 6-18-1913, John David Crump, West Point, Miss., b. 8-30-1885.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-3-1. John David Crump, Jr., b. 12-29-1914.

1-2-6-1-3-2. Joseph Riley Crump, b. 2-17-1917, m. Ruth Grace.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-3-2-1. David Lyman Crump.

1-2-6-1-3-2-2. Stephen Walter Crump.

1-2-6-1-3-2-3. John Joseph Crump.

1-2-6-1-3-3. Helen Crump, m. John Milton Cutler.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-3-3-1. John Milton Cutler, Jr.

1-2-6-1-4. Julia Riley, m. Chester Albert Struby.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-4-1. Chester Albert Struby, Jr., m. Jane Spearman.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-4-1-1. Cynthia Jane Struby.

1-2-6-1-4-1-2. Neal Albert Struby, Editor, Macon Telegraph and News.

1-2-6-1-4-2. Julia Struby, m. Edward Burke, 3rd.

1-2-6-1-5. Elizabeth Riley m. Ralph Adams.

Issue:

1-2-6-1-5-1. Elizabeth Adams, m. Horace Stringfellow, 3rd.

1-2-6-2. Augustus Tharpe, second child of James Davis

Tharpe and Jane Killen, b. 1-18-1863, d. 1920, m. 10-31-1889, Rosa Collier, b. 10-13-1866.

The data for this branch of the family was secured from the above Rosa Collier Tharpe, who remembers much of the early history of the family.

Issue:

1-2-6-2-1. Collier Augustus Tharpe, b. 9-24-1890, married Mrs. Jackie Harrison. No issue.

1-2-6-2-2. James Mortimer Tharpe, b. 8-17-1895, m. Bernice Thomas. No issue.

1-2-6-2-3. Paul Aubrey Tharpe, b. 7-31-1898, d. 10-7-1940, m. Neva Hatcher. No issue.

1-2-6-2-4. Jeannette Tharpe, b. 8-25-1901, m. 1) Paul Payne, m. 2) Don P. Cadwallader. No issue.

1-2-6-2-5. Augustus Whitfield Tharpe, b. 9-25-1905, m. Fay Campbell.

Issue:

1-2-6-2-5-1. Rose Mary Tharpe.

1-2-6-2-5-2. Fay Augusta Tharpe.

1-2-6-3. Thomas Killen Tharpe, third child of James Davis Tharpe, and Jane Killen, m. Eugenia McCord.

Issue:

1-2-6-3-1. J. D. Tharpe, Griffin, Georgia.

1-2-6-3-2. Edwina Tharpe. Never married.

1-2-6-4. Margaret (Maggie) Tharpe, b. 12-28-1866, m. 1-28-1886 in Houston County, Ga., Dr. James Cary Solomon, b. 1-28-1861.

Dr. Solomon was educated at Mercer University, graduating in 1880, and then entered the Atlanta Medical College where he graduated in 1883. He had the unusual distinction of being not only a Doctor of Medicine, but a Doctor of Divinity, and served for many years as Pastor of the Baptist Church at Byron, Georgia, while still continuing the practice of medicine.

Issue of Margaret (Maggie) Tharpe and Dr. James Cary Solomon:

1-2-6-4-1. Margaret Avarilla Solomon. Unmarried. Educated as a teacher, with B. A. and M. A. Degrees. Principal in Atlanta public schools.

1-2-6-4-2. Janie Tharpe Solomon. Unmarried. Educated as a teacher, and Supervisor of Physical Education in Atlanta public schools.

1-2-6-4-3. Jimmie Cary Solomon (girl). Unmarried. Secretary in Atlanta public schools.

- 1-2-6-4-4. Esther Solomon, m. S. E. Young.
- 1-2-6-4-5. Ruth Solomon, m. Capt. L. O. Grice, of U. S. Army, living in Hawaii. Issue, three children.
- 1-2-6-5. Janie Tharpe, fifth child of James Davis Tharpe, and Jane Killen, m. 6-30-1892, Dr. Robert S. Henry, b. 8-20-1869, d. 10-21-1918. Their home was in Chattanooga, Tenn.
- Issue:
- 1-2-6-5-1. Fannie Roberts Henry, b. 4-25-1893, d. 9-28-1903.
- 1-2-6-5-2. Robert Samuel Henry, b. 9-18-1897, m. 1925 to Manila Utts of Des Moines, Iowa.
- Issue:
- 1-2-6-5-2-1. Dorothy Dean Henry, b. 10-4-1922.
- 1-2-6-5-2-2. Jacquelyn Henry, b. 2-28-1926.
- 1-2-6-5-3. Jean Ruth Henry, b. 10-2-1904, m. 1927 to Henry Harrison Eager.
- 1-2-6-6. Coalson Tharpe, son of James Davis Tharpe and Ruth Coalson, m. Mattie Lee Pierce and lived in Henderson, Georgia.
- 1-2-7. Addie Tharpe, seventh child of Martha Davis and William A. Tharpe, b. 1831, d. 1858, m. 1851, Edward L. Felder, b. 1826, d. 1872.
- Issue:
- 1-2-7-1. Augustus Felder. Never married.
- 1-2-7-2. Edward Felder. Never married.
- 1-2-7-3. Julia Felder, b. 1852, m. 1870 Henry P. Everett, b. 1844, d. 1913.
- Issue:
- 1-2-7-3-1. Kate Everett, m. Robert Lee Stewart.
- 1-2-7-3-2. Ada Theo Everett, b. 1874, m. 1893, George Hudson Whittaker, b. 1873.
- Issue:
- 1-2-7-3-2-1. Julia De Alva Whittaker, b. Americus, Ga., m. M. H. Stuart.
- 1-2-8. Mortimer Tharpe, m. Lu Cardwell and lived in Harrodsburg, Ky.
- Issue: Several children.
- 1-2-9. Georgia Tharpe, m. Eden Taylor.
- Issue:
- 1-2-9-1. Claudia Taylor, b. 9-27-1864 in Monroe County, Ga., d. 8-2-1932, and buried at Mt. Zion Baptist Church,

near Lorane, Georgia, m. 1885 William Glover Bass, whose father was Professor and President of Wesleyan College for twenty-seven years. Claudia Taylor Bass was educated at Bessie Tift College, and Mason Art School, Wesleyan College, and lived in Macon until her death.

Issue:

1-2-9-1-1. Georgia Ellen Bass, b. 7-25-1890, d. 3-5-1918, m. 4-28-1910 Hansley Thomas O'Neal, of Dublin, Ga. Lived at Crawford and Macon, Georgia.

Issue:

1-2-9-1-1-1. Dorothy Elliott O'Neal, b. 3-13-1911, m. in Norfolk, Va., 10-7-1951, R. B. Townsend. No issue.

1-2-9-1-1-2. Georgia Ellen O'Neal, b. Crawford, Ga., 7-2-1913, m. 4-27-1939, Vincent I. Peters of N. J. Educated at University of Georgia. Residence, Macon, Ga. No issue.

1-2-9-1-1-3. Martha Amelia O'Neal, b. Crawford, Ga., 7-15-1917, m. 12-29-1936, A. D. Searcy, Major in U. S. Army.

Issue:

1-2-9-1-1-3-1. Amelia Ann Searcy, b. 2-19-1944.

1-2-9-1-2. Amelia Mariah Bass, b. 12-1-1895, in Macon, Georgia, m. 8-28-1922 Hansley T. O'Neal, in Forsyth, Georgia. Educated at Wesleyan College and Mason Art School.

Issue:

1-2-9-1-2-1. Hansley Thomas O'Neal, Jr., b. Athens, Ga., 10-31-1924, m. 2-17-1951 Patricia Beaucamp. Educated at University of Georgia, and Mercer University. Served three years in U. S. Navy. Lawyer.

1-2-9-1-2-2. Claudia Rose O'Neal, b. 4-28-1928, m. 12-28-1949 Frederick Alston. Educated at Wesleyan and especially gifted in art. Teaches art in Miller Jr. High School, Macon, Ga. No issue.

1-2-9-1-3. William Capers Bass, b. Macon, Ga., 12-4-1898, m. 1) Dorothy Neibling, 1922, m. 2) Nell Weaver on 8-13-1930.

Issue:

1-2-9-1-3-1. Billy Bass. (Child of Dorothy Neibling).

1-2-9-1-3-2. Sonia Bass, b. 2-4-1932, m. 2-16-1952 Earl Balkcom, Holton, Georgia.

1-2-9-1-3-3. Brownie Bass, b. 5-23-1935.

1-2-9-1-3-4. Christy Bowman Bass, b. 12-24-1949.

1-2-9-1-4. Martha Bowman Bass, b. 1-7-1901, m. 10-7-1924 James Edward Corbin. Educated as a teacher and taught for a number of years in the John W. Burke School in Macon. Now living in Columbia, S. C.

Issue:

1-2-9-1-4-1. James Edward Corbin, Jr., b. Macon, Georgia, 7-27-1926, m. 6-29-1946 in Columbia, S. C., to Patricia Browning, and lives in Charleston, S. C. Issue of James Edwin Corbin and Patricia Browning:

1-2-9-1-4-1-1. James Edwin Corbin, 3rd, b. 8-2-1947.

1-2-9-1-4-1-2. Russell Brewer Corbin, b. 2-1-1949.

1-2-9-1-4-2. Martha Claudia Corbin, b. 9-30-1940.

1-2-9-2. Guy Taylor, second child of Georgia Tharpe and Eden Taylor, b. in Monroe County, Ga., 9-15-1861, d. 11-8-1945, buried at Mt. Zion Church, near Lorane, Georgia, m. 1) Annie Brown, 1888; m. 2) Dutchess Williams, 1938. Educated at Penfield College, now Mercer University. All children are issue of the first marriage.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-1. Guy Taylor, Jr., b. Monroe County, Ga., 7-2-1888, m. 1) Susie Hamilton in 1910; m. 2) Mrs. Edna Fordson, 1927. All children are issue of first wife.

Guy Taylor was educated at Georgia Military College. Served as Infantry Officer in the First World War. Now retired and living in Uleta, Florida.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-1-1. Burneace Taylor, b. 1912, m. Thomas J. Terhune, deceased. No issue.

1-2-9-2-1-2. Delmar Taylor, b. Cheyenne, Wyoming, 1917. Married and has one child. Lives in Detroit, Mich.

1-2-9-2-1-3. Eden Taylor, b. Cheyenne, Wyo., 1919. Married and has two children, and lives in Detroit where he is in business with his brother Delmar.

1-2-9-2-2. Edith May Taylor, second child of Guy Taylor, Sr., b. Bibb County, Ga., 6-25-1891, m. 3-11-1916 Charles Arnold Dunbar. Lives in Valdosta, Ga. Educated in Girl Scout work, and is now local Director of Girl Scouts in Valdosta.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-2-1. Charles A. Dunbar, Jr., b. 12-18-1916, d. 1-18-1945.

Charles A. Dunbar, Jr., was an Officer in a Cavalry Unit in World War II, and was killed in action. He is buried in U. S. Military Cemetery in France.

1-2-9-2-2-2. Anne Taylor Dunbar, b. Macon, Georgia, 11-19-1918, m. 8-30-1942, Robert Tucker Lewis, of Virginia. Educated at Georgia State Woman's College, and followed the teaching profession. Now living in Lynchburg, Va.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-2-2-1. Robert Tucker Lewis, Jr., b. 8-28-1943.

1-2-9-2-2-2-2. Judith Virginia Lewis, b. 2-29-1948.

1-2-9-2-2-3. Julia Hentz Dunbar, b. Macon, Georgia, 11-20-1921, m. Capt. Vergil B. Beck, 6-6-1947. Living in Puerto Rico.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-2-3-1. Candace Beck, b. 5-24-1949.

1-2-9-2-2-3-2. Michael Beck, b. 4-6-1951.

1-2-9-2-2-4. Guy Taylor Dunbar (twin), b. Macon, Georgia, 5-4-1925, m. 1-5-1946 Betty Wilson.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-2-4-1. Caroline Joyce Dunbar, b. Valdosta, Ga., 11-21-1947.

1-2-9-2-2-4-2. Charles A. Dunbar, 3rd, b. 5-17-1951, Valdosta, Ga.

1-2-9-2-2-5. William Dunbar (twin), b. 5-4-1925, m. 1946 Melba Claire Ethridge.

1-2-9-2-3. Brownie Kathleen Taylor, third child of Guy Taylor, Sr., and Annie Brown, b. in Bibb County, Ga., 8-17-1893, m. 1924 Robert Guy Davis of Virginia. No issue.

1-2-9-2-4. William Gastin Taylor, b. Macon, Ga., 1-19-1898, m. 6-28-1922 Mary Esther McKinney.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-4-1. William Gastin Taylor, Jr., b. 4-21-1923, m. 1943 Gloria Dyerof, Jackson, Miss.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-4-1-1. Wm. Gastin Taylor, 3rd, b. 1-24-1949.

1-2-9-2-4-2. Mary Esther Taylor, b. 7-20-1926, m. 1946 Donald Faulk, Jr.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-4-2-1. Donald Faulk, Jr., b. 1950.

1-2-9-2-4-3. Guy Anthony Taylor, b. Macon, Ga., 3-31-1928, m. 1948 Peggy Beightol.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-4-3-1. Guy Anthony Taylor, Jr., b. 1950.

1-2-9-2-5. Virginia White Taylor, b. Macon, Ga., 6-25-1900, m. 1) 1923 Jack Amos, m. 2) Willard Higgins, 1935.

Issue:

1-2-9-2-5-1. Virginia Taylor Amos, b. 1930, m. Homer Powell, October 4th, 1951. Secretary, Wesleyan College.

1-2-9-3. Ellen Taylor, b. circa 1866, in Monroe County, Ga., d. circa 1894. Buried in Mt. Zion Church, Monroe County, Ga. Ellen Taylor never married.

1-2-10. Augustus Tharpe, tenth child of Martha Davis and William A. Tharpe, married Maria Corbin of Macon, Georgia. We know very little of Augustus Tharpe, as he seems to have no living descendants. Various relatives have reported that his children died in their youth. The only record that we have found of his marriage is taken from an old newspaper in the Washington Memorial Library in Macon as follows:

Under Marriages:

"In Taylor County, by the Rev. B. F. Tharpe, Dr. A. Tharpe of Perry, Georgia, to Miss Maria Corbin, daughter of Col. S. P. Corbin of Macon, Georgia."

CHAPTER VI

MARGARETT DAVIS

- 1-3. Margarett Davis, third child of John Davis Esquire, and Rebecca Jones, b. 10-26-1801 in Burke County, Georgia, died 1860-1870, m. James Allen Summers and lived in Covington, Newton County, Ga. The Summers family were numerous in Newton County 1822-1860.

We know less of Margarett Davis Summers and her descendants than any of the children of John and Rebecca Davis, except Mariah Davis Hill. Letters to living descendants have failed to obtain any data on the early members of the family, with dates of birth, death, and marriage, and it has been necessary to depend almost entirely on Census records, and the meager data contained in the will of James Allen Summers, probated in Newton County, March 1st, 1847.

The Census of 1840 lists James Allen Summers with six slaves, and with four sons and two daughters, so we know that all of his children were born before 1840. Margarett Davis Summers was listed in the Census of 1850 and 1860 for Newton County, but was not listed in 1870, so we presume that she had died between those dates, though she may have moved to another county with one of her married children. James Allen Summers is listed in Newton County in 1831 as a Justice of the Peace.

In James Allen Summers will he mentions his sister, Elizabeth Summers, his wife Margarett, his son, Andrew Jackson Summers, whom he directs to "see to the education of my three youngest children, James, Thomas, and Emaline Elizabeth Summers", and names his daughter, Martha Ann Rebecca Summers. He leaves an extra portion in money to Andrew Jackson Summers, because of "having received an injury in his back from a fall from a horse", and to Emaline Elizabeth Summers, "on account of her deafness". We know from family records that there was another son, John Whitfield Brooks Summers, though he is not mentioned in the will. He was the eldest child and had probably already received his share of the property. The 1850 Census for Newton County lists Margarett Summers, age 48, and the following children, James, age 19, Thomas, age 17, and Evaline, (evidently Emaline), age 15. These were the three youngest children whom James Allen Summers lists in his will in

1847. The 1860 Census for Newton County lists Margaret Summers, age 58, T. J. Summers (evidently Thomas of his father's will), age 27, and Mary Z. Summers, age 19, born in Arkansas, evidently the wife of T. J., and one male William H. Summers, age 9/12.* From these records we know that the three eldest children were John Whitfield Brooks Summers, Andrew Jackson Summers, and Martha Ann Rebecca Summers, and that they were born before December 24th, 1830, the date of birth which we have for James Madison Summers, from one of his living descendants.

Issue:

- 1-3-1. John Whitfield Brooks Summers, b. 1823, d. 1886, m. 1) 1843 Mary Newsome, 2) 1856 Mary J. Bass, 3) Ora (Orie) Edwards in 1865 who was born in 1831, died 1885.

The above dates were secured from the records on the tombs in the cemetery in Covington, and from the marriage records in the County. John W. B. Summers 3rd wife is listed on the marriage record as Ora Edwards, though a member of the family has told me that her name was Ora Stansel. She may have been a widow, one name being her maiden name, and the other her married name. The only thing that we know about J. W. B. Summers is that he was a Justice of the Peace in the County in 1857, and Ordinary in 1868. We have no record of his descendants.

- 1-3-2. Andrew Jackson Summers, Confederate Soldier, killed in the Battle of Atlanta, married Elizabeth Lee.

There may have been other children, but the only ones I have found are listed below, and since I have no dates of birth or marriage for them they may not be listed in the correct order.

Issue:

- 1-3-2-1. Allen D. Summers, m. Nellie Gailey. Living descendants are Gailey Summers, Allen D. Summers, Jr., and Herbert Summers of Conyers, Georgia, and Mrs. Elizabeth Summers Robbins of Rome, Georgia.

- 1-3-2-2. Andrew Jackson Summers, Jr., m. Lou Davis. No issue.

- 1-3-2-3. Moody Chamberlin Summers, b. 5-5-1855, Conyers, Georgia, d. 5-1-1906, m. 1886, Rockdale County,

*Who was he? Too young to belong to Margaret and too old to belong to T. J. and his wife.

Georgia, Ida Hudson, b. 11-13-1855, d. 1932, daughter of Daniel Noonan Hudson and Martha Elizabeth Clay.

Issue:

- 1-3-2-3-1. Eugene A. Summers, b. 1-15-1888.
- 1-3-2-3-2. Hudson L. Summers, b. 11-10-1890, d. 1946.
- 1-3-2-3-3. Louis C. Summers, b. 4-14-1892.
- 1-3-2-3-4. Moody C. Summers, b. 4-29-1894, Conyers, Georgia, m. 3-12-1924 Helen Smith, Covington, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-3-2-3-4-1. Moody C. Summers, 3rd, b. 11-16-1929, m. Loy Spears.
 - 1-3-2-3-5. Robert J. Summers, b. 10-10-1896, d. 5-1-1917.
 - 1-3-2-3-6. Laulie Mae Summers, b. 4-14-1898, m. —Usry.
 - 1-3-2-3-7. Dan Summers, b. ———d. 11-5-1938.
- 1-3-3. Martha Ann Rebecca Summers, m. 1850 Charles Hick Anderson. No record.
- 1-3-4. Capt. James Madison Summers, b. 12-24-1830, d. 2-27-1915, m. 1) 1852 Lucinda Watts, m. 2) 1865, Flora Jane America Stephenson, b. 7-4-1842, d. 6-8-1908. Buried in West View Cemetery, Atlanta, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-3-4-1. Margaret M. Summers, daughter of Lucinda Watts, b. 8-6-1853, d. 4-21-1903, m. 1870 Lemuel B. Anderson, Major in Confederate Army. Buried in Eatonton, Ga.

Issue of Margaret M. Summers and Lemuel B. Anderson:

- 1-3-4-1-1. Clara Anderson, b. 2-21-1875, d. 9-13-1935, m. 6-15-1898 Hampton Capers Walker, b. 4-2-1871, d. 2-17-1942. Buried in Eatonton, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-3-4-1-1-1. Hugh Capers Walker, M. D., b. 6-19-1901, d. 10-21-1926. Never married.
- 1-3-4-1-1-2. Frank Anderson Walker, b. 8-26-1902, d. 10-28-1948, m. Julia Belle Dennis.

Issue:

- 1-3-4-1-1-2-1. Frank Anderson Walker, Jr.
- 1-3-4-1-1-2-2. Harvey Capers Walker, U. S. A.
- 1-3-4-1-1-3. Walter Wingfield Walker, b. 3-11-1907, m. Nan Starr of Winder, Ga., b. 3-21-1909. Walter Wingfield Walker is a lawyer of Eatonton, Georgia, and was a Lieut. Commander in the Navy in World War II.

Issue:

- 1-3-4-1-1-3-1. Nan Starr Walker, b. 2-9-1943.

1-3-4-1-1-3-2. Claire Anderson Walker, b. 12-18-1945.

1-3-4-1-1-3-3. Walter Wingfield Walker, Jr., b. 8-19-1947.

1-3-4-1-2. Irma Lucille Anderson, d. 1942, m. T. Dallas Creighton of Barnwell, S. C., as his third wife.

Issue:

1-3-4-1-2-1. Irma Lucille Creighton, m. Allen Brown.

Issue:

1-3-4-1-2-1-1. Irma Lucille Brown.

1-3-4-1-2-1-2. Dan Brown, U. S. A., Augusta, Ga.

1-3-4-1-2-2. T. Dallas Creighton, Jr., m. Louise Hill, Barnwell, S. C.

Issue:

1-3-4-1-2-2-1. T. Dallas Creighton, 3rd.

1-3-4-1-3. Roscoe Summers Anderson, m. Ola———.

Issue:

1-3-4-1-3-1. Margaret Anderson, m. Shelton Hay.

Issue:

1-3-4-1-3-1-1. Jacqueline Hay.

1-3-4-1-3-2. Roscoe S. Anderson, Jr., married and has two children.

1-3-4-1-4. Harold Anderson, married, and he and his wife were both drowned. No issue.

Captain James Madison Summers and his second wife, Flora Jane America Stephenson, had nine children, but only six lived to maturity as follows:

1-3-4-2. Thomas Madison Summers, m. May Capehart.

1-3-4-3. Olivia Augusta Summers, m. C. H. Hannah. Her home in Atlanta was called "The Oaks", and was near Ft. McPherson, on Lee Street.

Issue:

1-3-4-3-1. L——— Hannah, m. T. M. Johnson.

1-3-4-3-2. Pansy Hannah, m. Albert Jette.

1-3-4-3-3. Fred Hannah, m. Minnie Dunlap. No issue.

1-3-4-4. Flora Summers, m. J. M. Cox.

1-3-4-5. Georgia Summers, m. F. E. Neely.

1-3-4-6. Mary Lenora Summers, m. V. P. Milner.

1-3-4-7. Vida Summers, m. H. M. Busha. No issue.

1-3-5. Thomas Madison Summers, b. 1833, m. Mary Z. Jones, b. 1841. Thomas Madison Summers was married three times, but we only have the name of one wife, and no record of his descendants.

1-3-6. Emmaline Elizabeth Summers, b. 1835, m. 1854 James Beverly Guthrie (Guthrey). No report.

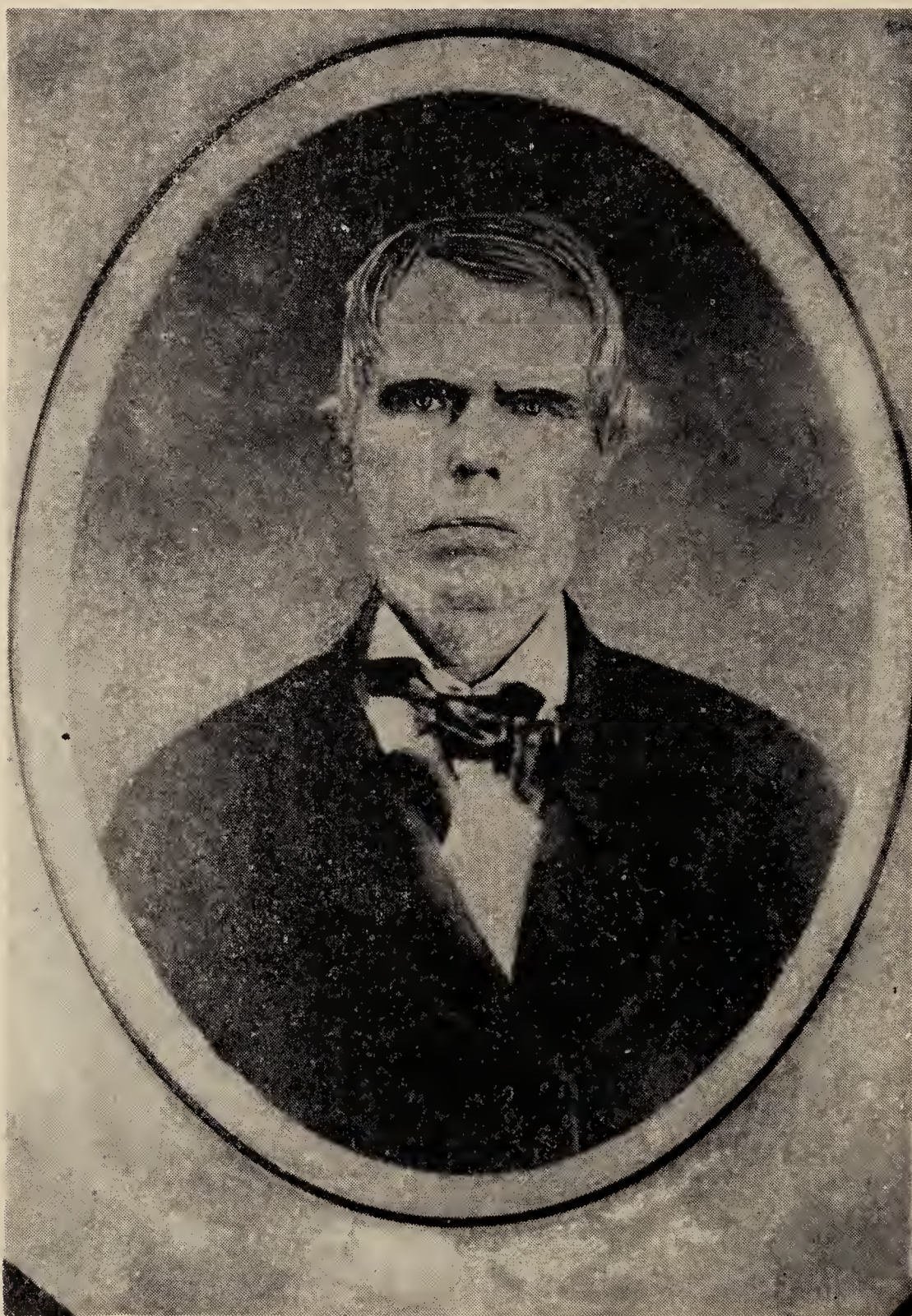
CHAPTER VII

ELISHA DAVIS, 1-5

Elisha Davis, fifth child of John Davis Esquire and Rebecca Jones, and second son, was born in Burke County, Georgia, August 26th, 1805. When he was only five years of age his father and mother moved to Twiggs County, in the part that was cut off from Wilkinson County, later acquiring land in Baldwin County, which became a part of Bibb County. His home was located on Stone Creek, near what is known now as Dry Branch, Georgia.

Elisha Davis was typical of the early Davises, in stature, in looks, and in temperament. He was quiet, reserved, a student, and a hard worker. Coming to Middle Georgia when it was a virtual wilderness, with few opportunities for education, and few books, he made the most of his opportunities, and by constant reading and study, succeeded in securing for himself a liberal education. His interests and his activities were varied. He was a successful planter, and though starting out in a modest way, constantly added to his holdings until at the time of his death in 1866, he was one of the most prosperous men in his county. He was not only a busy planter, but was a Surveyor, and operated a saw mill and a grist mill. In connection with his lumber business, he frequently contracted for the erection of houses and business buildings. In spite of his many duties in carrying on his own personal affairs, he served as a Justice of the Peace for many years, represented Bibb County in the State Legislature, and was the family councillor for all of the members of his family. After his older brother, William Davis, moved to Alabama, he assumed the responsibility for most of his family's business affairs. When Elisha's father, John Davis, Esquire, died in 1826, his mother, Rebecca Davis, and his older brother, William, were appointed administrators of the estate. The estate was large, and there were five minor heirs whose interests had to be cared for. William Davis moved with his wife and children to Russell County, Alabama, circa 1836, and after his removal the responsibility of assisting his mother, Rebecca, with her financial affairs was placed on Elisha. The final settlement of the estate was not made until after all of the minor children had reached their majority, and until after the death of Rebecca in 1844.

William Davis evidently remained the nominal administrator, as there is no record of the appointment of another



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administrator for the estate until after the death of Rebecca when on January 6th, 1845, David J. Davis and his brother John Davis were appointed by the Court Administrators, *de bonus non*, of the estate of John Davis, deceased. Before this time, and after the removal of William to Alabama, Elisha had served, with other kinsmen, as a Commissioner in dividing the estate of his father, and in setting up the shares of the minors in the estate, as they came of age. When Rebecca died in 1844 all of the children had come of age, and it was no longer necessary to hold the estate intact, hence a final distribution was made in 1847, and both the real estate and the personal property was sold and distributed. Under the agreement among the heirs, Elisha Davis acquired the following lots originally belonging to his father's estate: "all that tract or parcel of land, situated, lying, and being in the second district of original Baldwin County, now Bibb County, containing four hundred and fifty acres, more or less, and distinguished in the plan of said district by lots No. 92, 93, and fifty acres of lot No. 91, adjoining the lands, known as Baber lands, and lying on Stone Creek". (Bibb County Court Records, Deed Book I and J., p. 523, recorded January 8th, 1848). The sale was made by David J. Davis, Administrator. Under the same date, Elisha purchased the following lots from David J. Davis, as the Administrator for his mother, Rebecca's estate: "All that tract or parcel of land, situated, lying and being in the seventh district of original Baldwin County, now Bibb County, containing five hundred and twenty-five acres, known as lots No. 94, No. 107, and one hundred and twenty acres of lot No. 108, also one hundred one and a quarter acres of lot No. 48, lying and being in the twenty-eighth district of original Wilkinson County, now Twiggs County, and the said lands all lye in one boddy (sic) and contain six hundred and twenty-six and a quarter acres, more or less, and lyes (sic) on Stone Creek, and adjoins the lands of Beverly D. Parker, Martha Tharpe, John Parker and others".

Rebecca Davis, in her will, left all of her property both real and personal to her youngest child, Benjamin Davis, with the exception of one slave and her children, which she directed to be sold and the proceeds divided among her other children. She named her sons, Benjamin and Elisha, as Executors, hence I do not know why, in the transaction listed above, that David J. Davis sold the property as Executor.

In the Land Lottery of 1806, John Davis Esquire of Martin's District, Burke County, drew lot No. 34 in the 23rd

District of Wilkinson County, containing 202½ acres, dated December 20th, 1808. This land lot became part of Twiggs County, December 14th, 1809. It is possible that John Davis exchanged this parcel of land for some of the other lots, mentioned in the above transaction. Twiggs County records were destroyed many years ago, and it is impossible to verify our beliefs from Court Records. These transactions are interesting to members of the family, as one of John Davis' great great granddaughters, Eleanor Davis McSwain, owns and lives on a part of this original land of John and Rebecca Davis, which they acquired nearly 150 years ago, and which has never been out of possession of the Davis family since it was acquired.

Elisha Davis was a patriot and loyal to the South during the War Between the States. Though he was too old to serve as a soldier, he sent three of his sons into the service, and furnished his slaves as workmen on many occasions, one instance being the work of building the breast works near Savannah, Georgia. Because of his loyalty to the South and her cause, he was required to take an oath of allegiance, as a requisite for voting or exercising any other civic right, following the close of the war. Since the "Pardon" which he received was different from any which I had seen before I wrote to the National Archives for information and received the following:

"Amnesty oaths were received by the Department of State under the provisions of an act of July 17th, 1862, and of four proclamations issued pursuant thereto. By the successive proclamations these oaths were offered to increasingly large groups of individuals in the seceded States, and the taking of such oaths was one prerequisite for voting for or holding the position of delegate to the constitutional conventions to be held for the reorganization of these States. Important Confederate officials and others to whom the privilege of taking the amnesty oath was not extended by proclamation, were often granted Presidential pardons and, beginning in July, 1865, were obliged to accept in writing certain conditions before the pardons were valid". An examination of Department of State Pardons Under the Amnesty Proclamation reveals a copy of "a full pardon and amnesty" for Elisha Davis of Macon, Georgia. The record was dated August 28th, 1865, signed by President Andrew

Johnson, and Secretary of State, William H. Seward". The following is a copy of this Presidential Pardon:

ANDREW JOHNSON

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME,
GREETING:

WHEREAS, ELISHA DAVIS of Macon, Georgia, by taking part in the late rebellion against the Government of the United States, has made himself liable to heavy pains and penalties;

AND, WHEREAS, the circumstances of his case render him a proper object of Executive clemency;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT KNOWN, that I, ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, divers other good and sufficient reasons me thereunto moving, do hereby grant to the said ELISHA DAVIS a full pardon and amnesty for all offenses by him committed, arising from participation, direct or implied, in the said rebellion, conditioned as follows, viz: this pardon to begin and take effect from the date on which the said ELISHA DAVIS shall take the oath prescribed in the Proclamation of the President, dated May 29th, 1865, and to be void and of no effect if the said ELISHA DAVIS shall hereafter, at any time, acquire any property whatever in slaves, or make use of slave labor; and that he first pay all costs which may have accrued in any proceedings hitherto instituted against his person or property up to the date of the acceptance of this warrant.

AND UPON THE FURTHER CONDITION that the said ELISHA DAVIS shall notify the Secretary of State, in writing, that he has received and accepted the foregoing pardon.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the Seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington, this twenty-eighth day of August, A. D. 1865, and of the Independence of the United States, the Ninetieth.

(Seal)

By the President:

Andrew Johnson.

William H. Seward, Secretary of State."

We have no record showing that he accepted the pardon.

The Oath of Allegiance printed below was the usual one given to members of the Confederacy:

“United States of America,

State of Georgia,
Bibb County.

I, J. A. Tharpe, of the County of Twiggs, and State of Georgia, do Solemnly swear or affirm, in the presence of Almighty God, that I will henceforth faithfully defend the Constitution of the United States, and the Union of the States thereunder: and that I will, in like manner, abide by and faithfully support all Laws and Proclamations which have been made during the existing rebellion, with reference to the emancipation of Slaves. So help me God.

Signed,

J. A. Tharpe.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me, this 7th day of August, 1865.

Signed,

Wm. M. Riley, Ordinary.”

Elisha Davis wrote his will, on file in Bibb County, in 1853, though he did not die until 1866, in which he directed his wife, who was named Executrix, to keep the property together until after all of the children reached their majority, and specifying just how the income should be spent. He directed that his sons receive a good English or Business education, even if it took part of the principal of his estate, though he also recited that this requirement did not include “Latten (sic), and Greek”. If the income of the estate was sufficient, and the sons desired it, they were to “persue (sic) their studies further”. Elisha was not so ambitious for his daughters, for he directed “I want my daughters well educated and accomplished, if the income of my estate will warrant the expense”. Elisha Davis could not foresee the tragedy of war, and the changed conditions in the South on the large plantations, with the emancipation of the slaves, and the heavy burden placed on his wife for the management of her extensive holdings, with few or no laborers. Mazy G. Davis tried the experiment for three years, but in December Court of 1869, Bibb County, Georgia, she made official request for relief from the burden by the distribution of the property among her children, since “owing to the losses resulting from the late war, the whole property now consists of a plantation, lying in the 7th District of Original Baldwin County, now Bibb, waters of Stone Creek, and on both sides of the public road, leading from Macon to Jeffersonville”. Judging by the wording of Mazy’s request to the

Court, it is possible that some of the property had been confiscated by the Yankees because of Elisha's allegiance to the South. The request was granted, and the distribution made. Mazy Davis died in 1891 and she and her husband are both buried in the Davis Family Cemetery in Bibb County near her old home.

The following records were copied from the tombstones in the cemetery near the home of Elisha Davis, Bibb County, Georgia.

This cemetery is in an oak grove. The marked graves are inside an iron fence. Outside the fence are the unmarked graves of poor whites who owned no land and the graves of the slaves. Inside the fence are several graves of infants that are not marked.

Elisha Davis
born
August 26, 1805
died
December 22, 1866

Erected
to the memory of
Cordelia, daughter of Elisha
and Mazy G. Davis, who
departed this life August 5,
1854, aged 9 yrs. 11 mo.
and 28 days.

Benjamin Franklin Davis
who lies here beneath this
Marble, was the pride and
joy of his parents.
He died Sept. 18th, 1836,
aged 9 mo. and 11 days.

Mazy G. Davis
born
July 21, 1816
died
February 14, 1891

David Parker
son of
Elisha and Mazy G. Davis
born Oct. 13, 1854
died Sept. 2, 1857

Clara
daughter of
G. W. and M. R. Tharpe
Born March 6, 1876
Died Sept. 4, 1878

John Norwood Davis
Born Twiggs Co., Ga.
Oct. 13, 1837
Died Bibb Co., Ga.
Aug. 13, 1897

Mary Elizabeth Jones Davis
daughter of
Frances A. Tharp and
Bennett Jones,
Born Twiggs Co., Ga.
Mar. 30, 1873
Died Bibb Co., Ga.
Oct. 26, 1949

Robert E. Davis

Born

April 26, 1852

died

Nov. 18, 1873

Rosabella Virginia

wife of

B. T. Ray

born

Dec. 12, 1841

died

Mar. 12, 1890

Louisa Mariah Stiles

wife of

John Norwood Davis

Born Jones Co., Ga.

Oct. 31, 1843

Died Bibb Co., Ga.

Nov. 16, 1883

John Norwood Davis

son of

John Norwood and

Louisa Stiles Davis,

Born Jones County, Ga.,

Dec. 5, 1861

Died Bibb County, Ga.

April 14, 1941

Benj. Terrell Ray

born

Jan. 17, 1831

died

Jan. 31, 1891

Robert

son of

W. A. and Mary R. Davis

Born and Died May 13, 1874

Mamie

daughter of

W. A. and Mary R. Davis

Born

Apr. 24, 1872

Died

June 19, 1873

The following were parents of Mazy Parker, wife of Elisha Davis:

Erected

to the memory of

John Parker

who departed this life

February 24th, 1853

In the 74th year of his age

Erected

to the memory of

Mrs. Mary Norwood Parker

consort of John Parker

who lies buried by his side.

She departed this life

Oct. 12th, 1847,

In the 70th year of her age

The story of the life of Elisha Davis is an inspiring one. Most of his descendants still live in Middle Georgia where he lived, worked and died, and they should be very proud of their inheritance of this fine Georgia pioneer as an ancestor, who had such a large share in the upbuilding of that partic-

ular part of the state, and was so universally loved and admired.

ELISHA DAVIS AND HIS DESCENDANTS

- 1-5. Elisha Davis, fifth child of John Davis Esquire, and his wife, Rebecca Jones, was born in Burke County, Georgia, August 26th, 1805, died December 26th, 1866, and married November 20th, 1834, Mazy Goodwin Parker, born in North Carolina, July 21st, 1816, died February 14th, 1891. His nine children were Benjamin Franklin Davis, John Norwood Davis, Gilbert Motier La Fayette Davis, Rosabella Virginia Davis, Cordelia Davis, William Augustus Davis, Mary Ann Rebecca (Mollie) Davis, Robert Elisha Davis, and David Parker Davis.

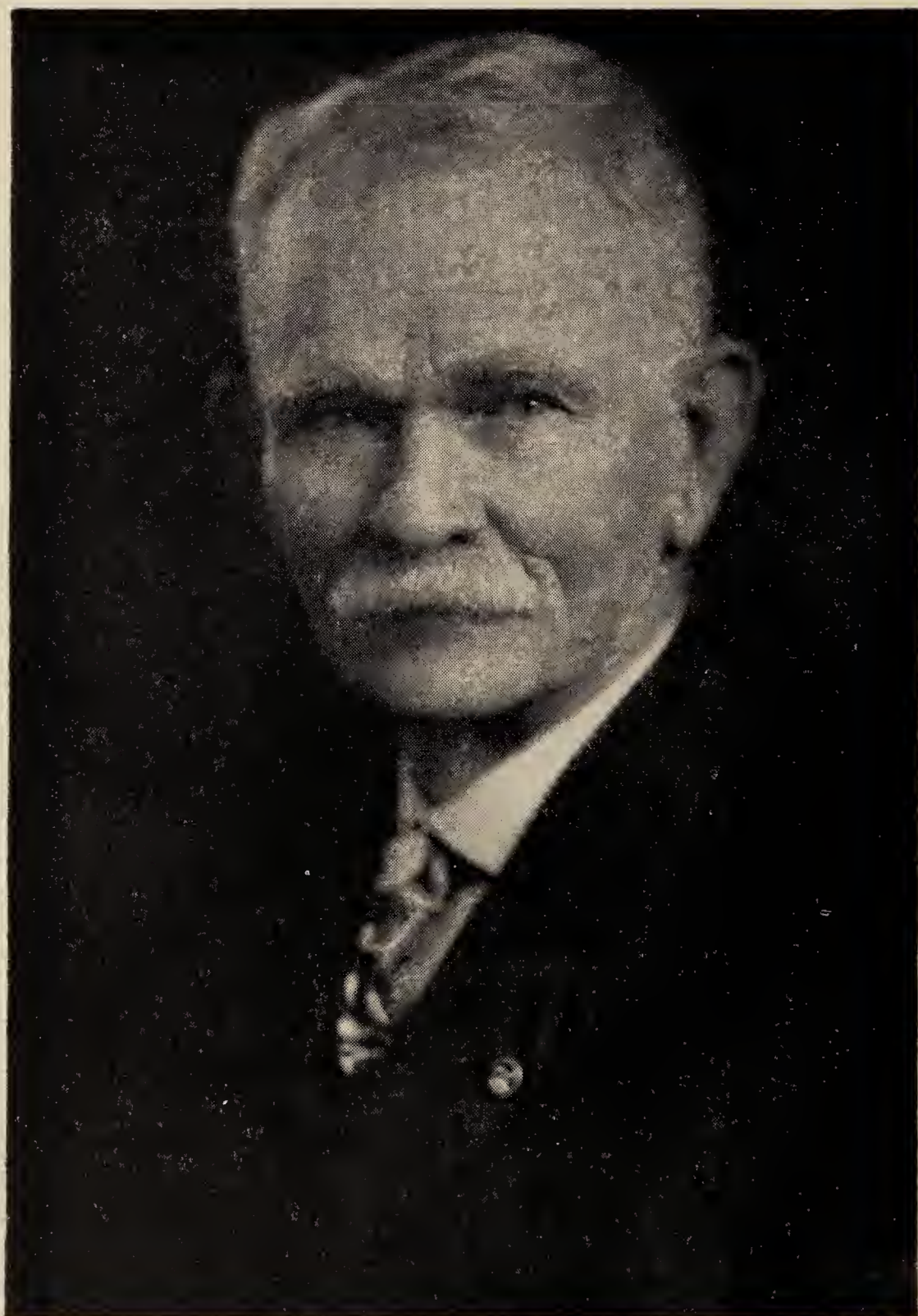
Issue:

- 1-5-1. Benjamin Franklin Davis. b. 12-7-1835, d. 9-18-1836.
- 1-5-2. John Norwood Davis, b. 10-13-1837, Twiggs County, Ga., d. 8-13-1897, Bibb Co., Ga., m. 1-26-1861 Louisa Maria Stiles, b. 10-31-1843, Jones Co., Ga., d. 11-16-1883, Bibb Co., Ga.

John Norwood Davis was reared on a large plantation, with slaves to do his bidding, and had more money to spend than was good for him. When he was just about nineteen years old, and a college student at La Grange, Georgia, he decided to make a "grand tour". Following his Christmas vacation, he "took French leave" of his college and with the money his father had given him for his college expenses, embarked on his adventure. Sailing down the Okmulgee River to Brunswick, he embarked on a boat for Galveston, and visited relatives in Texas and Arkansas, followed by a trip to New Orleans. While in New Orleans he commissioned a French artist to carve his likeness on a cameo, which is one of the prized possessions of one of his granddaughters. While on this trip, he saw pecans for the first time, and brought some of them back with him to Georgia, where they are still flourishing on his home plantation. When Georgia seceded from the Union, John Norwood Davis enlisted in the Confederate Army and, like most of the Southern men, carried his body servant, "Green", with him. Records of the War Department list the following:

"J. N. Davis, Private, Co. 1, 10th Ga. Cav. Enlisted July 24th, 1862 to March 31st, 1863, Macon, Georgia.

John N. Davis, 3 Sgt. Co. A., 8th Batt'n. Cav., Macon, July 1st, 1863-Jan. 7th, 1864."



JOHN NORWOOD DAVIS



MARY ELIZABETH JONES

When the war was over, and the system under which John had been reared was destroyed, he was completely lost. Though he had a wife and children to support, he was unequal to the task, for he had never learned to work. Having a good education, he taught the neighborhood school for a time, but he was never a business success, and the burden of supporting the family rested largely on his eldest son, John Norwood Davis, Jr.

Louisa Maria Stiles, wife of John Norwood Davis, Sr., was born in Jones County, Georgia, and was the eldest child of her father's third wife. She entered Wesleyan College in 1860, but on account of the war she was only enrolled for a short time. Fortunately, she could sew beautifully, and though materials, as well as money, was scarce in the South during the days of Reconstruction, her family was always adequately and artistically clothed. It was the one practical thing that she could do, for she was as much a misfit in the post war era as her husband.

Issue of John Norwood Davis, Sr., and Louisa Maria Stiles:

1-5-2-1. John Norwood Davis, Jr., b. 12-5-1861, d. 4-14-1941, m. 12-15-1898, Mary Elizabeth Jones, b. 4-30-1873, d. 10-26-1949.

John Norwood Davis was born in Jones County, and though just a little child at the time, remembered Sherman's terrible march through Georgia, and past his home, on the old "Garrison Road", from Macon to Milledgeville. He recalled the pillage, and the vandalism of these unrestrained barbarians, who invaded the homes, destroyed everything in sight, including furniture and clothing, and terrified the women and children with their brutality. When the war was over John Norwood, Jr., moved with his parents to the home of his grandfather, Elisha Davis, in Bibb County, near the home of his uncle, B. T. Ray, on what is now called Davis Road, who gave him his first real employment. He attended school for only a short time, as his work was needed to help support the family. In 1898 he married Mary Elizabeth Jones of Bullards, Twiggs County, Georgia, and they made their home there until 1908 when he bought a plantation from his cousin, Albert A. Ray, now known as "Daviswood", and the present home of his daughter, Eleanor Davis McSwain, located on a part of the original plantation of John Davis, Esquire.

John Norwood Davis, by disposition, was calm, steady, and intelligent. He was a progressive farmer, and his plan-

tation was famous for having the best crops in the neighborhood. His advice was sought far and wide, whether on personal, farming, or engineering problems, and he was always ready with his assistance. He served for many years as a member of the Bibb County Road Commission.

In a newspaper column appearing in the Macon Telegraph in 1918 and 1919, called "Just Twixt Us", by Bridges Smith, John Norwood Davis is described as "not only a good farmer, but a philosopher as well", and his home is described as a "model farm house, and a model farm". He reports further, "This is what used to be known as the Ray place, the home of Ben, Terrell and Albert Ray and their father before them. When Norwood was a lad of 15, starting out in the world, he hired to the elder Ray for eight dollars a month, and his first afternoon's work was the picking of ninety pounds of cotton, and his sleep that night was all the sweeter, because it was not only his first day as a hired man on the farm, but the elder Ray had said that he had done a good day's work". This was the farm which was owned originally by Norwood Davis' great-grandfather, John Davis Esquire, and still later by his grandfather, Elisha Davis, and whose six hundred acres Norwood himself later acquired by determination and hard work.

Mary Elizabeth Jones Davis, wife of John Norwood Davis, Jr., was familiarly called "Mary Lizzie". Since there was no school near her home in Twiggs County, she attended school in Richland, Twiggs County, and lived at the home of a friend, Miss Belle Glover, whose lovely old Colonial home is still standing. Her education was completed at Jeffersonville, and among her many accomplishments, she was an excellent musician. Because of her lovable disposition, she was a general favorite of her relatives.

Issue of John Norwood Davis, Jr., and Mary Elizabeth Jones:

1-5-2-1-1. Samuel Norwood Davis, b. 12-15-1899, d. 1-8-1900, buried at Friendship Baptist Church in Twiggs County.

1-5-2-1-2. Frances Anita Davis, b. Dec. 15, 1900, in Twiggs County, m. 8-7-1938 James Greene Tuten, b. Dec. 20, 1897, at Jessup, Ga.

Anita Davis attended Wesleyan College and graduated at Mercer University. For a number of years she has been a teacher in the Bibb County schools.

James G. Tuten was educated at Emory University at Oxford. They now live in Macon. No issue.

1-5-2-1-3. Eleanor Pearl Davis, b. 8-29-1903, m. 6-12-1941
Horace Laurens McSwain, Jr., b. 9-25-1907.

Eleanor Davis McSwain was educated at Mercer University and has taught in the Macon Public Schools for a number of years.

Horace Laurens McSwain, Jr., was born in Cross Hill, Laurens County, S. C., and was educated at the University of South Carolina. He served in World War II (M. Sgt. 363 Eng. Reg. Company F, U. S. Engineers). He was stationed for nearly three years in Iran in the Persian Gulf Command. Since the war he has been a Land Surveyor in Bibb and adjoining counties. They now live on the farm "Daviswood", in the house which was built in 1866 for Virginia Davis when she married Benj. Ray.

Issue of Eleanor Davis and Horace McSwain:

1-5-2-1-3-1. Virginia Anita McSwain, b. 11-10-1947, Macon, Georgia.

1-5-2-1-3-2. Horace Laurens McSwain, III, b. 8-9-1949, in Macon, Ga.

1-5-2-1-4. John Gilbert Davis, b. 10-4-1907 in Twiggs County, m. 1) Helen Bloodworth of Perry, Ga.; m. 2) Virginia Gillon in 1938.

John Gilbert Davis served in World War II, and was stationed at Ft. McPherson, Atlanta, Ga., and Camp Berkeley, Abilene, Texas.

Helen Bloodworth was educated at Wesleyan College.

Issue of John Gilbert Davis and Helen Bloodworth:

1-5-2-1-4-1. Helen Elizabeth Davis, b. 6-22-1932, in Macon, Ga., student at G. S. C. W. at Milledgeville.

1-5-2-1-5. Mary Elizabeth Davis, b. 8 - 23 - 1910, Bibb County, m. 11-27-1937, Harry Eugene Lumpkin, b. 6-27-1903, Augusta, Ga.

Elizabeth Davis inherited her grandmother's talent for fashioning clothes and in her hands a piece of cloth soon becomes a creation. She has a sweet, gentle disposition and many friends.

Harry Lumpkin works with the Gulf Power Company at St. Petersburg, Fla. He served in World War II, enlisting Oct. 28, 1943, he was Chief Electrician's Mate in the U. S. Navy, 147th Naval Construction Battalion.

Issue:

1-5-2-1-5-1. Frances Eleanor Lumpkin, b. 11-7-1941, in St. Petersburg, Fla.

- 1-5-2-2. William Augustus Davis, b. 3-29-1866, d. 1926, buried at Macon, Ga.; m. 7-9-1898 Lula Coker.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-2-1. Walter Davis, m. Ruth Johnson. Residence, Savannah, Ga.

- 1-5-2-3. Maude Estelle Davis, b. 7-13-1869, d. 5-23-1941, Bibb Co., m. 1-29-1890 William Edward Davidson, b. 1-29-1864, Jones Co., Ga., d. 12-29-1950.

William Edward Davidson was a wholesale grocer in Macon for many years. Mr. and Mrs. Davidson are both buried in Rose Hill Cemetery in Macon, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-1. Matteur Edward Davidson, b. 5-23-1891, educated at Mercer University, m. 10-8-1914 Ruby Timmerman of Plains, Georgia. Residence, Raleigh, N. C.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-1-1. Elisabeth Davidson, b. 9-18-1915, Macon, Ga., m. 9-7-1939, Thomas Mann Fleming, Lexington, Ky.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-1-1-1. Tarlton Randolph Fleming, b. 12-12-1940.

- 1-5-2-3-1-1-2. Judith Fleming, b. 2-4-1943, d. 9-5-1946.

- 1-5-2-3-1-1-3. William Davidson Fleming, b. 9-15-1951.

- 1-5-2-3-1-2. Matteur (Mattauer) Edward Davidson, 2nd, b. 1919, d. 7-2-1945. Educated at N. C. State College and Va. Polytechnic. Served as Capt. 386th Infantry Regiment, Co. B, in World War II, and died of wounds received in action in Stein, Germany. Awarded Purple Heart and Silver Star, and buried in U. S. Cemetery in Cambridge, England.

- 1-5-2-3-1-3. Ruth Timmerman Davidson, b. 9-27-1921, m. 1945 Capt. William Aiken Carlisle of Columbia, S. C.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-1-3-1. Mettauer Lee Carlisle, b. 6-30-1946.

- 1-5-2-3-1-3-2. Carolyn Jane Carlisle, b. 8-15-1948.

- 1-5-2-3-1-3-3. Thomas Aiken Carlisle, b. 12-15-1950.

- 1-5-2-3-2. Ann Louise Davidson, b. 11-5-1893, d. 1931, m. Charles O'Connor of Boston. Louise attended Mount De Sales Academy in Macon, and she and her husband lived in Savannah, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-2-1. Ellen O'Connor.
- 1-5-2-3-2-2. Charles O'Connor.
- 1-5-2-3-2-3. Joseph O'Connor.
- 1-5-2-3-2-4. David O'Connor.
- 1-5-2-3-3. Gladys Maude Davidson, b. 1-22-1896, m. 4-18-1917 James Emory Yates, 2nd. Residence, Atlanta, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-3-1. Carolyn Yates, b. 11-14-1918, m. 8-28-1937, John Thomas Long of Macon, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-3-1-1. Rebecca Louise Long, b. 6-28-1938.
- 1-5-2-3-3-1-2. Dolores Katherine Long, b. 8-12-1944.
- 1-5-2-3-3-2. Rebekah Yates, b. 9-4-1924. Educated at Wesleyan and Rochester University Medical School, m. 3-22-1951 Patrick Lloyd Anders, of Bethlehem, Pa.
- 1-5-2-3-3-3. James Emory Yates, third, b. 3-5-1927, graduated at Woodrow Wilson Law School in Atlanta, served in Navy during World War II, and married 1-3-1949 Joyce Ann Thomas of New Haven, Conn.
- 1-5-2-3-4. Edith Lily Davidson, b. 9-9-1898, d. in childhood.
- 1-5-2-3-5. John Millard Davidson, b. 11-8-1900, m. 6-29-1927, Margaret (Peggy) Louise Glover of Orangeburg, S. C. James Millard Davidson was educated as a lawyer, but followed the profession of Social Worker, and Boy Scout Executive. Was one time President of Rotary International.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-5-1. Jane Davidson, b. 10-3-1931.
- 1-5-2-3-6. Dorothy Edwina Davidson, b. 5-16-1903. Graduate of Alexander Normal School, and active in Girl Scout work, having been Director in Toledo, Washington, and Atlanta. She was at one time on National Scout Council in New York City, and is now in Atlanta, Ga.
- 1-5-2-3-7. Alfred Ross Davidson, b. 1-30-1905, m. 9-17-1935, Mary Kate (Kitty) Edwards of Hartsville, S. C. He is merchant in Macon.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-7-1. Dorothy Davidson, b. 9-17-1936.
- 1-5-2-3-7-2. Jean Davidson, b. 12-18-1937.
- 1-5-2-3-7-3. Mary Kate Davidson, b. 6-20-1939.
- 1-5-2-3-8. William E. Davidson, second, b. 6-25-1908, m. 7-9-1936, Polly Thomson of Macon, Ga. Graduate of Mercer University. Residence, Gainesville, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-3-8-1. William E. Davidson, third, b. 12-28-1938.
- 1-5-2-3-8-2. Jacquelin Penn Davidson, b. 12-10-1941.
- 1-5-2-4. Lillian Davis, b. 4-22-1875, Bibb Co., Ga., m. 1) 4-14-1899, Eugene Alonzo Wimbish of Macon, d. 3-26-1926; m. 2) in 1939 Jediah W. Hussey of Indiana, d. 1952, buried in Macon.
- 1-5-2-5. Edith Davis, b. 1-28-1878, m. 4-3-1902 Edward Washington Waterhouse from Macon, Ga., b. 2-11-1877, d. 4-12-1945, Veteran of Spanish American War. They lived in Augusta, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-5-1. Lillian Waterhouse, b. 12-27-1902, m. 4-27-1922 W. T. Colquitt, Jr., b. 9-18-1901.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-5-1-1. Eugene Alonza Colquitt, b. 5-23-1923, m. 1-21-1943 Anne Hartness at Macon, Ga. Graduate of University of Georgia, 1952, U. S. Navy in World War II.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-5-1-1-1. Jane Carroll Colquitt, b. 7-21-1947.
- 1-5-2-5-1-1-2. Donald Eugene Colquitt, b. 7-6-1950.
- 1-5-2-5-1-2. William Thomas Colquitt, III, b. 6-25-1929. Graduate of Mercer University and teacher and coach at Byron High School.
- 1-5-2-5-2. Helen Waterhouse, b. 6-13-1905, m. 4-11-1936 Joseph Polhill Saxon of Augusta.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-5-2-1. Norwood Davis Saxon (girl), b. 2-9-1942.
- 1-5-2-5-2-2. Barbara Joyce Saxon, b. 5-30-1944. They live in Augusta, Ga.
- 1-5-2-5-3. Maude Waterhouse, b. 4-25-1907, m. 4-17-1926 James Morgan Sample of Augusta, Ga.

Issue:

- 1-5-2-5-3-1. Helen Joyce Sample, b. 1-30-1929, graduate of Lander College, Greenwood, S. C. Teacher.

1-5-2-5-3-2. James Morgan Sample, Jr., b. 7-19-1933. Student.

1-5-2-5-4. Edward Washington Waterhouse, b. 4-18-1914 in Savannah, Ga.; m. 5-1-1937 Rayme Bond.

Issue:

1-5-2-5-4-1. Bonnie Waterhouse, b. 6-11-1940.

1-5-2-5-4-2. Lynn Waterhouse, b. 1-8-1947.

1-5-2-5-4-3. Beth Waterhouse, b. 4-22-1954.

1-5-2-5-5. John Norwood Waterhouse, b. 6-28-1918 in Charleston, S. C., m. 7-5-1946 Eloise Rodgers in Augusta. Graduate of Mercer University and of Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky. Army, August, 1940, and served 5 years. In Africa and Italy 33 months, Machine Gun 68th Armored Regt. August 1940-December 1941. December 1941 in Reconnaissance Co. 67th Armored Regt. Jan. 1944. Member of 330th Q.M. Depot Co. until discharge Sept. 1945.

Issue:

1-5-2-5-5-1. John Norwood Waterhouse, Jr., b. 10-28-1950.

1-5-3. Gilbert Motier La Fayette Davis, b. 10-11-1839, d. 5-29-1912, m. 5-3-1866 Emma Rowena Nelson of Twiggs Co., Ga., b. 6-25-1846, d. 7-25-1920. Both of them are buried in Riverside Cemetery in Macon, Georgia.

From War Department Records:

"G. M. Davis, Lt. Co. E Cavalry Battalion Phillip's Legion Ga. Vol. Enlisted May 12, 1862, Macon, Capt. Dunlap Co. Promoted 1st Lt. Sept. 22, 1863. Served through War."

From "History of Macon", by Young Hargrove and Gholson, the following reference is made to the Bibb County Cavalry, p. 253: "The Company surrendered, having been reduced to twenty men, under command of Lieut. G. M. Davis, acting Captain, with General J. E. Johnston in North Carolina in 1865, at the close of the war".

Issue of Gilbert and Emma Davis:

1-5-3-1. Stuart Cicero Davis, b. 1-18-1869, d. 7-18-1938, m. 6-29-1893, Anne Waldren Turner, b. 6-17-1871, Sparta, Georgia. Stuart Cicero Davis was a graduate of Mercer University.

Issue:

1-5-3-1-1. Gilbert Motier Davis, b. 8-27-1896, m. Josephine Gordon, b. 12-15-1894.

Issue:

1-5-3-1-1-1. Helen Davis, b. 9-22-1918, m. Robert Almer Wilson.

1-5-3-1-1-2. Elizabeth Davis, b. 6-20-1920, m. Capt. Raymond Pollit.

Issue:

1-5-3-1-1-2-1. Raymond M. Pollit, Jr.

1-5-3-1-1-3. Gilbert Motier Davis, Jr., b. 12-3-1921, m.
1) Helen Jones, no issue; m. 2) Caroline Berckmans.

1-5-3-1-2. Eloise Davis, b. 1-4-1897, m. 1917, John Culverhouse, b. 8-11-1890.

Issue:

1-5-3-1-2-1. Ann Culverhouse, b. 4-13-1918. Graduate of Wesleyan and a teacher.

1-5-3-1-2-2. John Culverhouse, Jr., b. 5-12-1921.

1-5-3-1-2-3. Lovick Pierce Culverhouse, b. 3-9-1929.

1-5-3-1-3. Stuart Davis, b. 8-14-1900, m. 6-27-1929, Virginia White, b. 8-28-1900.

Issue:

1-5-3-1-3-1. Virginia White Davis, b. 4-22-1928. Graduate of Mercer, and member of A. D. Pi.

1-5-3-1-3-2. Janet Elaine Davis, b. 8-8-1933. Student, Mercer, member A. D. Pi.

1-5-3-1-3-3. Stuart Cicero Davis, III, b. 10-26-1935.

1-5-3-1-3-4. Joan Davis, b. 4-24-1944.

1-5-3-2. Jarrett La Fayette Davis, b. 12-13-1870, d. 2-17-1944, m. 4-1-1901 Mary Belle Adams, b. 3-18-1881. Graduate of Mercer University and a Veteran of the Spanish American War.

Issue:

1-5-3-2-1. Jarrett La Fayette Davis, Jr., b. 9-11-1902, m. 6-10-1925 Martha Moon at Tifton, Ga., b. 1-18-1903. Graduate of the University of Georgia, 1921.

Issue:

1-5-3-2-1-1. Jarrett La Fayette Davis, III, b. 5-28-1932. Graduate of University of S. C., 1950.

1-5-3-2-2. Dorothy Davis, b. 11-23-1909, m. 6-27-1939 Frank Millard Houser, M. D., of Scott, Ga., b. 2-28-1911. Dr. Houser is now practicing medicine in Macon, Georgia. Graduate of University of Georgia, 1932.

Issue:

1-5-3-2-2-1. Frank Millard Houser, Jr., b. 11-11-1940.

1-5-3-2-2-2. Mary Ann Houser, b. 10-20-1944.

1-5-3-2-2-3. John Davis Houser, b. 7-31-1948.

1-5-3-2-3. Motier DuQuince Davis, b. 1-15-1914, m. Abbie Phillips. Educated at Mercer University.

Issue:

1-5-3-2-3-1. Motier DuQuince Davis, Jr., b. 8-5-1940.

1-5-3-2-3-2. David Phillips Davis, b. 5-4-1947.

1-5-3-3. Mattie Belle Davis, b. 6-2-1867, m. Henry E. Taylor of Hawkinsville, Georgia.

Issue:

1-5-3-3-1. Emma Rowena Taylor, m. 12-10-1914, George Haynes Joy, b. 5-10-1887 in Niagara Falls, N. Y., and educated at the University of Rochester.

Issue:

1-5-3-3-1-1. Emma Rowena Joy, b. 8-31-1915, in San Juan Puerto Rico, m. 1-15-1942 Manuel Gonzalez Y Hernandez, who was educated in Spain.

Issue:

1-5-3-3-1-1-1. Manuel Gonzalez Joy, b. 10-31-1942.

1-5-3-3-1-1-2. Emma Rowena Gonzalez-Joy, b. 1-15-1944.

1-5-3-3-1-2. Gloria Hancock Joy, b. 2-15-1920, m. 7-3-1943, Ardmore, Pa., Francis X. Daily, Jr., Lieut. U. S. Navy in World War II.

Issue:

1-5-3-3-1-2-1. Gloria Marie Daily, b. 8-7-1945.

1-5-3-3-1-2-2. Patricia Ann Daily, b. 7-28-1947.

1-5-3-3-1-3. Nancy Nelson Joy, b. 8-30-1921, m. 5-15-1943, Julian Parton, b. 1-1-1914, General Manager, Lehigh Coal and Navigation Co., Lansford, Pa.

Issue:

1-5-3-3-1-3-1. William Julian Parton, b. 11-1-1944.

1-5-3-3-1-3-2. John Frederick Parton, b. 11-15-1945.

1-5-3-3-1-3-3. Taylor Parton, b. 1-21-1948.

1-5-3-3-1-3-4. Nancy Joy Parton, b. 3-21-1952.

1-5-3-3-2. Sarah Belle Taylor, b. 12-23-1891, m. 12-1-1917, Edward Dombois Raht, b. 9 - 28 - 1887, Chattanooga, Tenn. Educated at University of Illinois. Captain 30th U. S. Infantry, 3rd Reg. Division in First World War.

Issue:

1-5-3-3-2-1. Alice Edmiston Raht, b. 11-14-1920, educated at University of Chattanooga, where she was a member of Chi Omega, m. 1) 7-27-1938 to H. B.

Cunningham, no issue; m. 2) Archibald Howell, Capt. U. S. Army, b. 2-21-1915.

Issue:

- 1-5-3-3-2-1-1. Archibald Raht Howell, b. 12-19-1950.
- 1-5-4. Rosabella Virginia Davis, b. Bibb Co., Ga., 12-12-1841, d. 3-12-1890, m. Bibb Co., Ga., 10-8-1863 Benjamin Terrell Ray, b. Twiggs Co., Ga., 1-17-1831, d. 1-31-1891.

Benjamin Terrell Ray was a Confederate Soldier, and stationed near Atlanta during the siege of that city. After the war, he and his wife built a home near her father, Elisha Davis, which is now called "Daviswood", and is the home of Mrs. Horace L. McSwain, great granddaughter of Elisha.

Issue:

- 1-5-4-1. Benjamin Terrell Ray, Jr., b. 11-4-1864, d. 10-30-1937 in Madison, Georgia, m. 10-15-1890 Lillian Maude Massey, newspaper and short story writer, b. 7-18-1870.

Issue:

- 1-5-4-1-1. Frances Lucile Ray, B. A. Wesleyan College, b. 3-4-1892, m. 8-30-1912 Walter Terrell Lawton, b. 8-31-1890, graduate of The Citadel, Charleston, S. C., and First Lieut. in First World War.

Issue:

- 1-5-4-1-1-1. Walter Terrell Lawton, Jr., b. 9-6-1915, Macon, Georgia. Educated at Washington and Lee, Columbia University, and Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and in Social Work in New York.
- 1-5-4-1-1-2. Benjamin Ray Lawton, b. 12-11-1917, m. 12-26-1942, Mary Patsy Patterson, b. 10-23-1917, in Ogbomoso, Nigeria, Africa, where her parents, Dr. and Mrs. A. Scott Patterson, were serving as Baptist Missionaries.

Benjamin Ray Lawton was educated at Washington and Lee, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is a Missionary in Italy and President of the Baptist Theological Seminary in Rivoli, Torino, Italy.

Issue:

- 1-5-4-1-1-2-1. Benjamin Ray Lawton, Jr., b. 10-8-1944.
- 1-5-4-1-1-2-2. Patrick Scott Lawton, b. 5-13-1946.

1-5-4-1-2. Benjamin Terrell Ray, second child of Benjamin Terrell Ray, and his wife, Lillian Maude Massey, b. 5-3-1894, m. 11-23-1923, Hallie E. Wood, b. Madison, Georgia, 8-19-1898.

Issue:

1-5-4-1-2-1. Benjamin Terrell Ray, b. 7-17-1927, m. 1948 Dorothy Jean Veal, b. 4-9-1930, Sandersville, Georgia.

Issue:

1-5-4-1-2-1-1. Cynthia Jean Ray, b. 4-9-1949.

1-5-4-1-2-2. William (Billy) Wood Ray, b. 7-6-1930.

1-5-4-1-3. Albert Massey Ray, third child of Benjamin Terrell Ray and Lillian Maude Massey, b. 4-21-1898, Macon, Georgia, m. 1-3-1922, 1) Virginia Smith, b. 8-19-1896, Tampa, Fla., m. 2) 3-17-1945 Iva Lee.

Issue:

1-5-4-1-3-1. Benjamin Felton Ray, b. 2-19-1926, m. 9-3-1947 Mollie Albritton, Tampa, Florida.

Issue:

1-5-4-1-3-1-1. Ronnie Wayne Ray, b. 4-29-1949.

1-5-4-1-3-1-2. Pamela Jane Ray, b. 1951.

1-5-4-1-3-2. Walter Ray, b. 1-19-1928.

1-5-4-1-4. Warren Taylor Ray, b. 7-29-1900, d. 1-27-1942, m. 11-2-1921 Mildred Rutherford Snellings, b. 1-21-1900, Madison, Georgia.

Issue:

1-5-4-1-4-1. Warren Taylor Ray, Jr., b. 7-8-1926, m. 5-26-1950 Lucy Ruth Stewart, b. 9-15-1931, Madison, Georgia.

Issue:

1-5-4-1-4-1-1. Gail Elaine Ray, b. 3-29-1951.

1-5-4-1-5. Amos Subers Ray, b. 8-28-1905, m. 8-4-1928, in Moundville, Ala., Anne Elliott, b. 6-14-1905. Amos Subers Ray is an active religious layman.

Issue:

1-5-4-1-5-1. Elizabeth Anne Ray, b. 7-27-1930, m. 10-4-1951 Edward Marshall Sitz, b. 8-24-1928, Birmingham, Alabama.

1-5-4-2. Albert Alonzo Ray, second child of Rosabella Virginia Davis and Benjamin Terrell Ray, b. 5-31-1867, d.

10-28-1910, m. 6-4-1899 Lena Burden, b. 10-3-1879, d. Sept. 7th, 1951. Both buried in Macon, Georgia.

Issue:

1-5-4-2-1. Alice Alberta Ray, b. 3 - 26 - 1900, m. Cecil Speere Smith, b. 12-9-1899. Alice Alberta Ray Smith was a graduate of Alexander Normal School, and a teacher before her marriage.

Issue:

1-5-4-2-1-1. Albert Cecil Smith, b. 3-6-1927. Killed in automobile accident.

1-5-4-2-1-2. Edward Ray Smith, b. 3-13-1929, d. 7-18-1947.

1-5-4-3. Sallie Lucile Ray, b. 1-9-1871, m. 11-6-1889 Pink Stripling, b. 1-7-1870.

Issue:

1-5-4-3-1. Virginia Ray Stripling, b. 5-25-1891, d. 12-1-1919, m. 2-28-1918, Jefferson Odom. No issue.

1-5-4-3-2. Lillian Stripling, b. 11-3-1894, m. 6-17-1920, Howard Ellis Malone, b. 11-24-1894.

Issue:

1-5-4-3-2-1. Warren Ellis Malone, b. 4 - 21 - 1921, m. Gladys Corene Hutto, b. 3-8-1924.

Issue:

1-5-4-3-2-1-1. Ellis Lendrum Malone, b. 12-29-1943.

1-5-4-3-2-1-2. John Howard Malone, b. 6-20-1946.

Warren Ellis Malone was with the Fifth Army throughout the Italian Campaign in World War II.

1-5-5. Cordelia Davis, b. 8-8-1844, d. 8-15-1854.

1-5-6. William Augustus Davis, son of Elisha Davis and Mazy Goodwyn Parker, b. 4-4-1847, m. Mary Summers, who died 5-17-1915.

The following record is copied from "Memoirs of Georgia", published in 1895 by the Southern Historical Association of Atlanta, Georgia, under Bibb County Sketches, V. I, pp. 329-33 "William A. Davis was born April 4th, 1847 on a farm eight miles east of Macon, Georgia, and lived there until 1877. He studied at Jeffersonville, Twiggs County, Georgia, in 1861, 1862, and 1863, and in the latter year, when only 16 years of age, enlisted in Co. B 2nd Battalion, Georgia Cavalry, as a Private. He was promoted to Orderly Sergeant, and served as such until the surrender, being engaged in the battles of Chickamauga, and of Griswoldville, and in many

skirmishes. After the close of the war, he resumed his studies at the Academy at Allentown, Twiggs County, Georgia, until called home by the death of his father. From 1866 until 1877 he managed his old home plantation, during which time, he was elected to represent Twiggs County in the Legislature, where he was instrumental in providing for permanently establishing the North Georgia Agriculture College at Dahlonega, Georgia. He also served six years as Alderman on the Macon City Council, and was Mayor Pro Tem four years of that time. In 1880 he moved to Macon, and from 1885 until 1890 was in the cotton business with Balcomb, and thereafter continued in the same business under the firm name of W. A. Davis and Co. For a number of years he was a Director of the Merchant's National Bank of Macon, until its dissolution in 1893, and afterwards became Vice President of the Guarantee Company of Macon. He was a 32nd Degree Mason, and member of the Mystic Shrine, Odd Fellows, and Knights of Pythias. He was a Baptist in belief, and a member and Deacon of his home church before moving to Macon. In 1868 he married Mary R., daughter of J. W. and Susan Barlow Summers. Their children were: Hattie B., Edwin, Mabel C., and Gussie M.

Mr. Davis' father was Elisha Davis, a native of Burke County, Georgia, who was several times a member of the General Assembly of Georgia, who served for many years as a Judge of the Inferior Court of Bibb County, and who died in 1866 at the age of 61. His father was John Davis, a Virginian by birth, and a son of John Davis, a Welshman who emigrated from Wales to Virginia before the American Revolution.

Two brothers of William A. Davis, the subject of this sketch, served in the Confederate Army. They were John N. Davis, who served in the Bibb County Cavalry and the "Western Army", and Gilbert M. Davis, who enlisted as a Private and served in Hampton's Brigade, winning promotion to Captain before the close of the war."

Issue of William Augustus Davis and Mary Summers:

1-5-6-1. Harriett Davis, b. 4-14-1870, d. 2-1-1937, m. 6-10-1895, Patrick H. Gambrell, Veteran of the Spanish American War.

Issue:

1-5-6-1-1. Harriett Gambrell, b. 11-4-1903, m. 1) 12-24-1919 Edgar Bruce.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-1-1-1. Patricia Bruce, b. 9-24-1921, m. 10-16-1938
William Cox Miller, Res. Savannah, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-1-1-1-1. Shawn Michael Miller, b. 7-21-1941
1-5-6-1-1-1-2. Patrick Gambrell Miller, b. 11-1-1946.
Harriett Gambrell, m. 2) Leon Myers. No issue.

- 1-5-6-2. Gussie Davis. Never married.

- 1-5-6-3. Edwin Summers Davis, m. Camile Johnson, d. 5-25-1931. Honor graduate of Mercer University, Phi Delta Theta, Secretary of Mercer Board of Trustees, Supt. of Sunday School and teacher of men's Bible Class of First Baptist Church of Macon for twenty years.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-3-1. Edwin Summers Davis, Jr., m. Etheldra Nalls. Edwin Summers, Jr., graduated from Mercer University, where he was a member of Kappa Alpha Fraternity, and now lives in Tocoa, Georgia.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-3-1-1. Etheldra Davis, Phi Beta Kappa from University of Ga.
1-5-6-3-1-2. Hinton Davis, m. Pauline Elfe. No issue. Graduate of Mercer University. Residence, Mobile, Alabama.
1-5-6-3-1-3. Camile Davis, m. Timothy Harvey Fuss. Residence, Jacksonville, Florida.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-3-1-3-1. Naomi Camile Fuss.
1-5-6-3-1-3-2. Timothy Harvey Fuss, Jr.
1-5-6-4. Mabel Davis, b. 5-3-1877, d. 6-10-1951, m. 10-21-1900 Col. James A. Thomas, U. S. A., from Savannah. On Oct. 21st, 1950, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-4-1. Col. William Augustus Davis Thomas, b. 7-28-1901, m. 7-16-1924 Sarah Albright of Leavenworth, Kans. Col. Thomas served in World War II, was wounded in Germany, and was retired for disability.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-4-1-1. Janet Thomas, b. 1-27-1927, m. 4-20-1949 Maj. Charles Spencer Babcock, U. S. A.

Issue:

- 1-5-6-4-1-1-1. Charles Spencer Babcock, b. 11-27-1949.

1-5-6-4-1-2. Barbara Thomas, b. 8-12-1932.

1-5-6-4-2. Mabel Grey Thomas, b. 4-5-1903, m. 4-17-1927, Walter Rahman of New York, b. 6-11-1894, First Lieut. First World War.

Issue:

1-5-6-4-2-1. James Charles Rahman, b. 4-27-1928, m. 4-13-1947, Jacquelin Briqueleur, b. 1-28-1927. James Charles Rahman was an Ensign in the Navy in World War II.

Issue:

1-5-6-4-2-1-1. Peter Niles Rahman, b. 12-7-1948.

1-5-6-4-2-1-2. Mark Thomas Rahman, b. 1-13-1952.

1-5-6-4-3. Mary Moseley Thomas, b. 8-7-1907, d. 4-17-1949, m. 1) 12-27-1928 Frank Troutman Balke, Col. U. S. A.

Issue:

1-5-6-4-3-1. Lt. Thomas Rudolph Balke, b. 11-21-1929, m. 7-25-1951 Marjorie Ann Fox.

Mary Moseley Thomas, m. 2) Philip McArthur. No issue.

1-5-7. Mary Ann Rebecca (Mollie) Davis, b. 3-18-1850, d. 9-16-1929, m. 11-23-1871, George Washington Tharpe, b. 8-30-1850, d. 1-20-1926.

Every member of the Davis family owes a debt of gratitude to Mollie Davis Tharpe, for it was she who preserved the Bible records of John Davis Esq., and his wife Rebecca Jones, and many other important papers and documents relating to the family, including the Journal of the old Stone Creek Church, where so many of the Georgia Davises had their membership. She loved her family, cherished its traditions, and was deeply interested in preserving its history. She grew up in the trying days of the war between the States, when she had known privation and hardship, but these seemed only to strengthen her character. Though she valued material things, because she learned during the war what it meant to be deprived of them, she was always generous and charitable to those who needed her. Her home, "Rebadale", was the center of hospitality, and the kith and kin always knew that they would receive a hearty welcome there.

Though George Washington Tharpe, husband of Mollie Davis, was a planter, he came from a long line of Baptist Ministers, and followed that calling throughout his life. For three generations his father, grandfather and great grandfather had been ministers of the Stone Creek Baptist Church.



MR. AND MRS. GEORGE WASHINGTON THARPE

His grandfather, Charnick A. Tharpe, was one of the Founders of the First Baptist Church in Macon, G. W. Tharpe was Moderator of the Ebenezer Association for sixteen years, and pastor of the Stone Creek Church for twenty-five years. He had a very good education and was a member of the first graduating class of the Barnesville, Georgia, Institute.

Issue of Mollie Davis and George Washington Tharpe:

1-5-7-1. Oscar Robert Tharpe, b. 8-30-1872, d. 6-28-1928, m. 1) 10-20-1897 La Verte Robertson, b. 5-14-1873, m. 2) Tommie Williamson, 1924.

Issue of O. R. Tharpe and La Verte Robertson:

1-5-7-1-1. Oscar Robert Tharpe, Jr., m. Mrs. Louise Rhodes.

Issue:

1-5-7-1-1-1. George Robert Tharpe, M/Sgt. U. S. A. Oscar Robert Tharpe was permanently crippled, and confined to a wheel chair, but in spite of his handicap he accumulated a comfortable fortune.

1-5-7-2. George Herbert Tharpe, b. 6-30-1874, m. 4-14-1905 Lula Mae Holder, b. 1-31-1887, d. 9-9-1945.

Issue:

1-5-7-2-1. Capt. George Gordon Tharpe, b. 8-17-1909, m. 12-26-1937, Beverly Newton, b. 7 - 30 - 1916. Gordon Tharpe, graduate of Mercer University, enlisted 121st Inf. Ga. Nat. Guards, 15 Nov. 1929. Promoted several times during World War II, recalled to service 4-23-1951, and now stationed at Robins Air Base, Warner Robins, Ga.

Issue:

1-5-7-2-1-1. Linda Marie Tharpe, b. 2-13-1940.

1-5-7-2-1-2. Beverly Susan Tharpe, b. 6-15-1947.

1-5-7-3. William Tullie Tharpe, b. 8-3-1878, d. 6-11-1949, m. 1-3-1905 Verna Brown, b. 11-7-1880.

Issue:

1-5-7-3-1. William Tullie Tharpe, m. Katherine Atkin.

Issue:

1-5-7-3-1-1. William Henry Tharpe, b. 9-14-1945.

1-5-7-4. Reba Tharpe, b. 1-12-1883, m. 2-5-1905 James Emory Yates, b. 7-5-1869, d. 9-13-1944.

Issue:

1-5-7-4-1. Helen Virginia Yates, b. 2-24-1909. Graduate of Wesleyan.

1-5-7-4-2. Eleanor Allie Yates, b. 1-29-1915, m. 5-18-1936 Robert Wirt Washington of Fredericksburg, Va., who served as Lt. U. S. A. Air Group, Fleet Air Wing 16, in World War II.

Issue:

1-5-7-4-2-1. Lloyd Washington, b. 4-23-1940.

1-5-7-4-2-2. Robert Wirt Washington, Jr., b. 1-12-1944.

1-5-7-4-3. Martha Yates, b. 3-27-1917, m. 9-7-1938 Maurice Dillon Smith, b. 4-27-1913. No issue, but have two adopted daughters.

1-5-7-5. Clara Tharpe, b. 3-6-1876, d. 9-4-1878.

1-5-7-6. Edgar Jefferson Tharpe, b. 1-21-1881, d. 6-19-1946, m. 12-13-1917 Ferris Owen, b. 4-4-1892.

Issue:

1-5-7-6-1. Edgar Jefferson Tharpe, Jr., b. 10-20-1918, graduate of University of Georgia, 1940, and of Southern Baptist Seminary in 1943, and now missionary in Hawaii, m. 6-27-1943 Gertrude Addis.

Issue:

1-5-7-6-1-1. Edgar Allen Tharpe, b. 9-3-1944.

1-5-7-6-1-2. David Lawrence Tharpe, b. 10-7-1947.

1-5-7-7. Bessie Tharpe, b. 12-11-1886, d. 8-13-1952, m. 10-6-1945 Clayton L. Asbell. No issue.

1-5-7-8. Allie Goodwin Tharpe, b. 3-30-1891, d. 4-6-1921, m. 5-14-1918 Norris Durkee of New York.

Issue:

1-5-7-8-1. Donald Durkee.

1-5-8. Robert Elisha Davis, b. 4-26-1852, d. 11-18-1873.

1-5-9. David Parker Davis, b. 10-13-1854, d. 9-2-1857.

CHAPTER VIII

NANCY DAVIS

- 1-6. Nancy H. Davis, b. 5-11-1807, d. 9-10-1825, m. 7-4-1821
Fletcher A. Tharpe, b. 11-17-1797, d. 9-12-1825.

The dates for the above were secured from the John Davis, Jr., family Bible, and the other data was furnished by Mrs. Mary Ann (Mollie) Rebecca Davis Tharpe.

Nancy Davis was only fourteen when she was married, and just eighteen at the time of her death. She and her husband died within two days of each other, leaving three small children, though the cause of their deaths is unknown. The children were John Davis Tharpe, Adelia A. Tharpe, and Vincent A. Tharpe. An Uncle, Charnick A. Tharpe was guardian for Adelia, and in his diary he entered various accounts of money spent on her education. William A. Tharpe, another Uncle, husband of Martha Davis, Nancy's sister, was also a guardian of the children, and it is probable that he cared for the other two children, though we have no record to verify our belief. John Davis Tharpe, and Adelia Tharpe were dearly loved by both the Davis and Tharpe families, and the glowing accounts of the days spent at "Cousin John's" is evidence that the young people of the two families were not only welcome, but highly entertained. We know very little about the third child, Vincent A. Tharpe, and since he and his wife left no issue, the data is meager.

Fletcher A. Tharpe was the son of Vincent A. Tharpe and Sarah A. Tharpe, natives of Virginia, who moved to South Carolina, and thence to Warren County, Georgia, soon after the Revolution. Vincent A. Tharpe was born Nov. 18th, 1760, and died in 1825. He served during the Revolutionary War under the "Swamp Fox", General Marion. He was a famous early day Baptist preacher, and one of the organizers of the Stone Creek Church in Twiggs County, Georgia, where he moved about 1810.

Issue of Nancy H. Davis and Fletcher A. Tharpe:

- 1-6-1. John Davis Tharpe, b. 4-24-1822 in Twiggs County, d. 5-7-1900 in Buford, Georgia, m. 1) Mrs. Sallie Moon, no issue; m. 2) Mrs. Mary Tharpe, no issue; m. 3) Mary Elizabeth Tharpe, 1-19-1887. John Davis Tharpe was a Confederate Soldier and also in the Mexican War.

Mary Elizabeth Tharpe was the only child of Jefferson A. Tharpe (son of Charnick Tharpe), and Cordelia Land, and was a cousin of her husband John Davis Tharpe. She was called "Mollie", and in order to distinguish her from Mary Ann Rebecca Davis Tharpe, who was also called "Mollie", the relatives called one "Cousin Mollie John", and the other "Cousin Mollie George", using the names of their husbands to distinguish them.

John Davis Tharpe and his wife lived about seven or eight miles southeast of Macon, on what was then the Marion Road in Twiggs County, though they later moved to Buford, Georgia, where they both died. They had only one child, a daughter, who was born when her father was sixty-nine years of age.

Issue of John Davis Tharpe and Mary Elizabeth Tharpe:

1-6-1-1. Johnnie Davis Tharpe, b. 7-12-1889 in Twiggs County, Georgia, married Dr. J. Tom Burton, and moved to Florida, living successively in Cocoa, Daytona Beach and Jacksonville. Mrs. Burton returned to Rome, Georgia, to make her home, after the death of her husband. No issue.

1-6-2. Adelia A. Tharpe, second child of Nancy Davis, and Fletcher A. Tharpe, b. 10-25-1823 in Twiggs County, Georgia, m. 10-15-1839, John Littleton Walton, b. 3-17-1814, in Columbia County, Georgia, d. 2-21-1882 in Aberdeen, Mississippi.

Issue:

1-6-2-1. James Fletcher Walton, b. 9-9-1846 in Columbus, Georgia, d. 7-1-1858 in Columbus, Georgia.

After the death of her husband, Adelia Tharpe Walton came to Twiggs County to live with her brother, John Davis Tharpe, and moved with him and his family to Buford, Georgia.

1-6-3. Vincent A. Tharpe, soldier in both the War with Mexico, and the War Between the States, b. 3-8-1825, d. circa 1903, married 8-26-1856 Emily Roberts who died 6-17-1891. Both Vincent and his wife are buried in Eufala, Alabama. Emily Roberts Tharpe was an invalid and confined to a wheel chair most of her married life. No issue.

CHAPTER IX

STONE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA

The Stone Creek Baptist Church in Twiggs County, Georgia, was one of the earliest in the state, and its history is so interwoven with the lives of the people of Middle Georgia that it would be next to impossible to get a true picture of conditions during that time without some knowledge of this church and its influence. A newspaper account of the history of the church, published in the Macon News on January 30th, 1948, which follows, gives the background of its history, and a complete record from the old Minutes of the Church from 1808-1888 painstakingly transcribed from the old Journal of the Church by Eleanor Davis McSwain, (Mrs. Horace L. McSwain), whose home is near the church, and many of whose family worshipped there more than one hundred years ago, completes the record. It is a bit of history that has been preserved by people who cherish their traditions, and honor their worthy forebears.

The picture of the church in this history is of the church of 1850, located about four miles from Dry Branch Georgia, though an earlier structure was located about one mile from Dry Branch. The old Stone Creek Cemetery, where John Davis, Jr., and his wife Rebecca are buried, is located at the first location, at the present time on the property of Mr. G. A. O'Neal. Though many Davises of later generations were members of this church, neither John Davis Esquire, nor any of his sons were members, though Rebecca Jones Davis, wife of John, joined this church in 1817. They attended the services, made generous contributions, but never joined, which leads me to believe that they were of another faith. Since the Davises came from Virginia, and since they were not members of either the Methodist or Presbyterian Churches which were active in that neighborhood, I believe that they must have been of the Church of England, or perhaps of the Society of Friends (Quakers).

“The Macon News. Friday, January 30th, 1948:

THARPE FAMILY TRADITION

CHURCH IN TWIGGS IS 140 YEARS OLD”

When the Rev. Edgar Jefferson Tharpe conducts services at the Stone Creek Baptist Church in Twiggs County Sun-

day morning, he will be the seventh minister furnished that church's congregation in its 140-year history.

Founded in 1808, the church claims to be one of the oldest in this section. It is the parent of Macon's First Baptist Church and written into the pages of its history are several chapters dedicated to the Tharpe family.

Set against a backdrop of pines, the present white frame structure, with its two stories topped by a bell tower, has a dignity which comes only with age and tradition. A part of the latter are four tall square columns which lend grace to the dignity.

Looking through the pages of the church's old record book, the youngest of the Reverends Tharpe can point to his grandfather, George W. Tharpe, his great grandfather, Simeon A. Tharpe, his great, great grandfather Charnick A. Tharpe, and his great, great, great grandfather, Vincent T. Allentharp, who began the line of succession.

In addition, the present Rev. Tharpe can find listed the names of a great, great uncle, Washington Tharpe, and a cousin, the Rev. B. F. Tharpe, D. D., of Perry, who once served the Stone Creek congregation.

The Rev. Vincent T. Allentharp became Stone Creek's pastor in 1810, two years after the church was founded. A stone erected in his memory recalls his 15 years of service, which ended in 1825.

After his father's death, Rev. Charnick A. Tharpe took up the standard to form the second link in tradition's chain. He filled the Stone Creek pulpit until ill health forced his retirement in 1856.

The second of the line dropped the "Allen" from his name and used A. Tharpe as a last name. Charnick A. Tharpe served the church for 40 years without accepting pay for his services. Once the congregation took a collection and presented him with a set of commentaries on the Bible to show its appreciation.

Several years after Charnick A. Tharpe's death, his son, Simeon A. Tharpe, became the pastor, and his son, the Rev. G. W. Tharpe, succeeded him. The latter served for many years.

Edgar Jefferson Tharpe, Sr., was a son of G. W. Tharpe, but he chose another field, and before his death was employed by the United States Post Office Department.

The Tharpe name is an inseparable part of Stone Creek's history. Minutes of the church, dating back to its founding in 1808 until 1888 are recorded in a large book, the pages yellowed with age.

Names of slaves who were members of the church, many of whom belonged to the Tharpe family, are listed along with their owners, without segregation. They are listed as "Hannah, the property of Charnick A. Tharpe."

A gallery was provided in the church for the slaves to attend services. In the present structure, erected in 1850, this gallery has now been enclosed and the space used as classrooms for the Sunday School.

The ancient minutes are bound in leather and now kept at Washington Library for safekeeping.

The latest in the line of Tharpes will not stay at Stone Creek as pastor. Present pastor is the Rev. Sidney J. Wheeler, and Rev. Tharpe will appear by invitation.

A graduate of the University of Georgia and the Southern Theological Baptist Seminary at Louisville, Ky., Rev. Tharpe has been in Virginia for the past five years. For two years he was pastor at Cave Springs in Roanoke, and for three years, at Mt. Hermon Baptist Church in Danville.

He has accepted an assignment from the Mission Board, and will sail in February with his family for Waimea Kauai in the Hawaiian Islands.

He is married to the former Miss Gertrude Addis of Walhalla, S. C., and has two sons, Edgar Alan and David Lawrence. He is now visiting his mother, Mrs. E. J. Tharpe, at 4 Balkcom Avenue, Macon.

STONE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY

BY ELEANOR PEARL DAVIS McSWAIN
AUGUST 25, 1937

PREFACE

Some years ago I was a frequent visitor of my great aunt's Mrs. Molly Davis Tharpe. She was a charming old lady with an alert mind and a remarkable memory. I was always questioning her about conditions when she was young and she would show me letters and papers that she had had for years. One afternoon she brought out an old record book yellowed with age. It was "THE JOURNAL OF STONE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH" from 1808-1888. I read some of the minutes and found them very interesting. Later



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her house burned but someone took the old book out of the closet where it was stored so it was saved. It was given to me by Mrs. Tharpe's son, G. Herbert Tharpe. These old minutes have interested me so much that I have made an alphabetical list of all the members for that period and written a short history of the church. The Journal also gave the names of the members that were dismissed by letter and the date of dismissal. To someone tracing an ancestor that would be interesting but I have not listed them alphabetically. The names of the slaves were also in the record book. Stone Creek does not have as large a membership as it once did. It was at one time one of the leading churches in Middle Georgia. The old church with its slave gallery belongs to another era.

The facts given in this booklet were obtained from this "JOURNAL OF STONE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH."

DECORUM

GEORGIA | From a long series of experiences we,
TWIGGS COUNTY | the Baptist Church of Christ at Stone
Creek, are convinced of the necessity of meeting together to
hold Conference and carry on the worship of our God and
of watching over each other as Christ has given us com-
mandment.

Resolved therefore that the following Decorum be a rule by which this church shall conduct herself in all her future conferences; Nehemiah 1 and 39th. We will not forsake the house of our God and also Hebrews the 10th and 25th. Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together.

Article 1st. Conference to be composed of the members of this church and members of sister churches to be invited to be present.

Article 2nd. Conference to be opened by prayer or praise to Almighty God.

Article 3rd. If the ministers or minister is absent one is to be chosen to act as moderator to whom every speech is to be directed. 1st Corinthians 14 and 40th.

Article 4th. A door to be opened for the reception of members, none to be received but by unanimous consent and shall verbally relate their experiences or offer a letter from some other church of the same faith and order and where full satisfaction is given the minister or moderator shall manifest the same by extending the right hand of fellowship and each member present in like manner.

Article 5th. Every motion made and seconded shall come under the consideration of conference unless withdrawn by the one who made it. 1st Corinthians.

Article 6th. Every query presented to conference.

HISTORY OF STONE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH TWIGGS COUNTY, GEORGIA

1808-1888

In the early part of the nineteenth century middle Georgia was being settled by pioneers from the Carolinas and Virginia. The land was covered by forests and the Indians had not been sent to the West. Wilkinson County covered a big section in the central part of the state. As the settlers began to move in new counties were formed out of the larger ones. In 1808 Twiggs County was formed from Wilkinson. Settlers began to arrive to take up the new lands. As these sturdy pioneers moved in to take up the work of conquering the wilderness they brought with them their possessions, their courage and their religion. Religion was a vital part of their existence. As there were no churches one of the first things they did after building themselves a house was to build a "Meeting House" as they were then called.

On September 3, 1808, a meeting was held at which Stone Creek Church was founded. At this meeting there were two Elders from other churches and ten members. The Elders were Micajah Fulghum and Henry Hooten. The ten members were Stansel Barbree, James Powell, Theo. Pearce, James Rodgers, Lucretia Powell, Susannah Pearce, Mary Barbree, Ann Farmer, Mary Rodgers and Rachel Collins. The articles of faith under which they were constituted were given as follows:

Article 1. We believe in the being of a God and that that God is immutable or unchangeable, and that there are three characters in the God-Head (Viz.) the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost and that those three are one in life, light, love, truth, justice, wisdom and power.

Article 2. We believe that God has revealed his mind and will unto the children of men in the book of the Old and New Testament.

Article 3. We believe that God choosed his people in Christ Jesus before the foundation of the world and that this choice is eternal particular and unconditional on the creatures part.

Article 4. We believe that God made man in his own image, good in his nature, able to stand, but liable to fall

and by his transgression fell with all his natural offspring into a state of guilt and death.

Article 5. We also believe that it is utterly out of the power of man as a fallen creature to keep God's law perfectly or repent of his sins truly or believe in Christ except he is drawn by the Spirit of God.

Article 6. We believe that justification in the sight of God is only by the imputed righteousness of Jesus Christ applied and received by faith alone.

Article 7. We believe that in God's own appointed time and way his chosen shall be called, justified, pardoned and sanctified by the effectual working of His Holy Spirit.

Article 8. We believe that such as are regenerated, justified and called by His grace shall persevere in Holiness and never fall finally away.

Article 9. We believe it to be the duty of all God's people to walk religiously in good works for necessary uses out of love to God.

Article 10. We believe that Baptism, the Lord's Supper, Washing the Feet, and Gospel ordinances belonging to the new born soul.

Article 11. We believe that every church while continuing in Gospel order has a right to keep its own keys.

Article 12. We believe in the resurrection of the dead and the general judgment.

Article 13. We believe that the punishments of the wicked is everlasting but the joys of the righteous are eternal.

Article 14. We believe that no minister has a right to the administration of the ordinances except such as are regularly called and come under the imposition of the hands by the Presbytery.

Article 15. We believe it to be the duty of the church to represent herself to the association with which she is connected by letters and delegates."

The record of Oct. 8, 1808 states "Met in Conference and agreed that the Meeting House be situated not far from Sister Young's". Just where that house stood is unknown as that has been so many years ago and the church did not stay there long. On Nov. 24, 1810, it was agreed to change the place of meeting so they "appointed the brethren Barbree and Pearce to purchase land to build the Meeting House on."

This time the church was built on the top of a high,

rocky hill not far from where Dry Branch now is. At the foot of the hill winds Stone Creek from which the church takes its name. Across the creek on the west side was the residence of *John Davis* built there in 1810. At the creek, where the M. D. and S. Railroad now crosses John Davis had a mill. For years Davis' Old Mill stood there but today there is no sign of the mill, the residence nor the church.

However there is a cemetery near where the church stood. It is on the edge of the bluff. There are many graves here as evidenced by the sinks in the ground but only a few of them are marked. At that time most of the people were poor and did not have money for headstones. Macon was founded in 1823 and prior to that the trading post at Ft. Hawkins was the place where supplies could be bought. Headstones had to be hauled the two hundred miles from Savannah. Only the well-to-do people could mark the graves of their dead. The graves that are marked are as follows:

Erected

to the memory of

Rev. Vincent A. Tharp

Who during many years faithfully and zealously discharged the duties of pastor of the Baptist Church. He departed this life 23rd Sept. 1825 in the 65th years of his age.

Moore & Lyman Sav.

A small headstone bears the inscription:

V. T. A. THARP

born 1795

died 1823

A long narrow marble slab carries this inscription:

Underneath this marble
lies the remains of Alex Tharpe, son of
Wm. and Martha Tharpe.
also the remains of Virginia, dau.
of parents aforesaid, aged 5 months
and 15 days."

A rock wall is built around two of the graves. The inscriptions on these graves read:

Sacred to
the memory of John Davis
who departed this life
April 15, 1826, aged 50 years,
8 months and 11 days.

Erected to
the memory of
Rebecca Davis
wife of
John Davis who lies by her side. She
died August 19th, 1844, in the 67th
year of her age. She had been for the
last 25 years and to the time of her death
a member of the Baptist Church at Stone
Creek.

Stop reader not so fast
Read and understand
Be prepared to meet thy God in Peace."

The cemetery has been neglected for so many years that the underbrush has taken the place. The inscriptions are hard to read.

The Rev. Henry Hooten was pastor in 1808. He was born in Bertie County, North Carolina but most of his preaching was done in Georgia. For sometime the church membership was small and there were only a few slaves numbered among the members. The new settlers were getting established and as yet had little money to buy slaves. The main business of the conference was to admit new members.

In 1811 the Rev. Hooten left the pastorate and Vincent T. A. Tharp was chosen to serve as pastor. Born Vincent T. Allentharp in Virginia in 1760, he came to Georgia in 1784. Having received a Revolutionary land grant in Washington County, Georgia, for his services in the Revolution he settled in that county. He moved from there to Warren County. In 1800 he was baptized at Briar Creek Church and was later ordained and licensed to preach at that church. Tiring of writing his name Allentharp he signed himself A. Tharp. That was used by his descendants and occurs on the record book for more than fifty years before the A. was dropped.

Under his leadership the church began to grow. New members poured in but some stayed only a short while before moving to the newer lands still further west. Others came to stay. They brought their slaves, cleared the lands and laid the foundations for the big plantations. The slaves united with the church as well as the owners. In the list of members carried along with the white people would be the names of the slaves written in the following manner. "March 22, 1812 Dorcas of color, property of V. A. Tharp." If the Negro was free it would be listed as "John Curtis, a free person of color."

As the settlers came to the adjoining counties they wanted to build churches, so, often Stone Creek was asked for aid to help them constitute a church. On April 21, 1827, "Received a petitionary letter from the brethren at Macon for help to constitute them into a church". This was the First Baptist Church in Macon. A church history of the First Baptist Church states that "three ministers, John M. Gray, C. A. Tharpe and Jonathan Neal recognized the constitution of that church. Two of these ministers C. A. Tharp and John M. Gray were members of Stone Creek, Gray was a brother-in-law to C. A. Tharp as he had married Nancy Allentharp Hill. I do not know of what church Jonathan Neal was a member.

Many committees were sent out to help other churches in the early days.

The church elected a treasurer to look after the church funds. He did not have a big job for the funds were small. Once it was listed as "\$16.37½." At first the treasurer did not report what was done with the money, he only reported the amount on hand.

At that time there had been no split in the Baptist denomination and there was no argument over the question of missions or at least there is no reference to it in the minutes. At certain times there were "foot-washings" in the church. Under the date of June 21, 1834, "This church agreed that whenever we went into the ordinance of feetwashing the clerk should make a minute of the same which ordinance we went into this meeting." However that was the only time it was ever recorded.

The Baptist Churches in those times had days of fasting and prayer. On March 23, 1816, the following is in the minutes: "Resolved that the Thursday before the second Sunday in April next be kept as a day of fasting and prayer to God. Thanksgiving also."

There were no Courts or jails convenient so it was the duty of the church to sit in judgment on its wayward members. Straight and narrow was the path traversed by a devout member of the church. Any deviation immediately brought a member before the church conference. If he was unable to prove himself innocent or if he was not penitent he was expelled from the church. That meant that he lost caste in the neighborhood as well.

The number of poor whites increased as the membership grew. This element for years gave them a great deal of trouble as they were constantly before the church for their behavior. Their quarrels, fights, and charges of immorality necessitated many committees and many meetings in an attempt to solve them. The minutes contain case after case. However, occasionally one of the prominent members would come under censure. The fact that he had been clerk of the church, was a deacon and the brother of the minister did not keep John A. Tharp from being excommunicated in 1842. He was charged with fighting. It was not the fact that he was fighting that the committee resented, it was the fact that he refused to say that he was penitent, so he was expelled.

These two charges are interesting: Feb. 22, 1817", a charge was brought against Bro. Abraham Mott for trading with Negroes at night. He was excommunicated for that offense. On July 22, 1820 "Bro. Anderson was expelled for refusing to obey the church".

Stone Creek was a member of the Ebenezer Association and regularly sent delegates. The minutes of that Association lists the men who were moderators, clerks or ministers since the beginning of the association. A number of these offices were held by members of Stone Creek Church. In 1815 the record book states "Bro. Theo Pearce was appointed delegate to the association, Bro. V. A. Tharp to go in case of failure." Items as these were given every time the Association met.

In order to join the church by letter a person had to be in good standing in the church where he had his letter. "One Bro. Roberts attempted to join (Stone Creek) but on Oct. 21, 1815 the report came in on him, "Received a letter from the Flat Shoal Church by Bro. Willis Kelly informing this church that Bro. Roberts had failed in payment of money subscribed to that church". But Stone Creek disposed of this case in a very effective manner, for in Dec. 24, 1815

“Took up the case of Bro. Roberts and agreed to lend him three dollars to pay his subscription.”

The church continued to expand its activities and beginning April 21, 1821, “resolved that for the future we will record the persons names that preach before conference and the names of churches from where letters are taken and the dates of those letters. Two sermons were delivered by the following brethren in the order of their names, viz. Theo Pearce and V. A. Tharp.” The clerks kept the names of the ministers but seldom listed the name of the church from which they received a new member.

Two sermons and then conference! The services were once a month and the minutes from then on carried the names of the two ministers preaching. Sometimes they had three. Sitting on the hard wooden benches listening to two or three sermons and then calling the church into conference to carry on the business must have taxed the patience of these pious people but they never admitted it, for the minutes of the next month would again list two sermons before conference.

The original church record book began to wear out, for on Sept. 23, 1820, a committee consisting of Theo. Pearce, A. Nelson, S. Barbree, John A. Tharp, Jr., and C. A. Tharp were appointed to transcribe the church book.

Vincent T. A. Tharp served the church as pastor until his death in 1825. The record book carries the following for Sept. 24, 1825, “After one sermon by Bro. Pearce on the solemn occasion of the death of our much beloved and aged pastor V. A. Tharp while the coffin lay before the pulpit. We then went to the grave where we interred the dead with much solemnity and decency.”

In 1825, Theo Pearce was made pastor of the church. He remained the pastor for only one year. Then Charnick A. Tharp, son of Vincent A. Tharp, was called to the church. He remained as pastor until his health failed him in his old age.

From 1827-1860 were perhaps the greatest period in the history of the church. It was the center of influence in a large community. Constantly adding new members to the roll, it kept the influence growing. All members were required to attend the meetings or give a good reason for their absence. A committee was always ready to see why a member did not come to conference. If they went out of the neighborhood for a while they gave notice to the church in order to keep in good standing.

From the minutes May 22, 1847, is this item: "A charge being alleged to Bro. John Holley for absconding and leaving the limits of the church and state so as to fail to attend our conferences for which he was unanimously expelled."

On Feb. 26, 1848, "Upon application a degree of lenity was granted to Bro. David Tharp for absence this year who showed good reason why he wished the church to retain his name and bear with his absence for the said length of time."

From other sources I learned that David Tharp went on a trip to Texas. So long as one explained the absences to the church it seems to have been all right.

Every year when the crops had been "laid by" the revival meetings were held. Services were sometimes conducted in the morning and again at candlelight. It was during the revivals that they gained most of the new members. After about 1840 the tide of new comers had dwindled down and the names that appear are usually those of the descendants of the earlier settlers.

The conferences continued to sit in judgment on its members. Most of the charges were fighting, absence, and immorality. The minutes of July 23, 1829 read in part, "after two sermons by Bro. Gray and Bro. C. A. Tharp then the church opened conference and took up the case of Bro. James Jessop and Isaac Halman; the church relieved Bro. Jessop of the charges of Bro. Halman; Bro. Jessop charges Bro. Halman of robbing him of his plow by lyeing, also of threatening to do Bro. Jessop bodily injury".

On Dec. 26, 1829, "Billy and Hercules (Negro Slaves) were excommunicated for killing a beef that was not theirs".

The second church book was beginning to need attention for in 1842 a committee consisting of R. Belsher, Abisha Andrews, and C. Hollingsworth were appointed to select someone to transcribe the church book. Benjamin Tharp was selected by the committee. A large ledger was obtained and he copied the records. This is the book from which the information herein given was obtained. He copied all the old records in a small beautiful penmanship that is clear and legible after nearly one hundred years. The committee selected well.

It was decided to move the church from the high hill for reasons that were not stated. They must have been very good ones, for the church had bought the land and the cemetery was there too. On Jan. 22, 1842 without any previous notices that they were contemplating a change this item was

listed: "6th. Resolved by a unanimous vote that our meeting house be moved to where the Stone Creek Academy now stands, also that a committee be appointed to draft and handle subscriptions for that purpose and that said committee be clothed with power to employ a workman to rebuild the house and reward him from said subscription funds; viz. Bros. T. S. Chappell, H. Solomon and J. A. Tharp and Messrs. J. A. Nelson and James Wall, com." (The difference between Bros. and Messrs" was that Nelson and Wall were not members of the church.)

It will be noted from the above that no money was collected to pay for the building or the land on which the Academy stood. It belonged to the minister C. A. Tharp and he donated it to the church. His home was nearby and part of it is still standing. This location given to the church is still in use and is where Stone Creek Church now stands.

The collections were very small and went for repairs, association purposes, and missions. Stone Creek is a Missionary Baptist Church but the first time any notice of that was made was on March 23, 1837, "5th. Attended a request of the Richland Church to acquiesce with them in inviting the State Convention of 1838 to be held at the Richland Church and agree that we acquiesce with them in their solicitations, and that Bro. C. A. Tharp inform the missionary meeting in Marion of the same." 6th. Moved that we make provision for receiving into our fellowship members who may be excluded from antimissionary churches of our denomination because they are friendly to benevolent institutions and that we adopt the following resolution, "Resolved that we open our doors for the reception of members who may have been or may hereafter be excluded from antimissionary churches because they are friendly to benevolent institutions provided there be satisfactory evidence that this was the only charge against them."

Letters and messengers were sent to all neighboring churches for years so appointing messengers and receiving letters from the churches took up time and the record of them took much space in the minutes. These minutes are in full for Nov. 22, 1845. "1st. opened a door for the reception of members, none came forward.

2nd. On motion the Church Decorum was read.

3rd. Clerk reported no references to past conference.

4th. A charge being preferred against Seaborn Whit-hurst for intoxication, swearing and dancing he was unanimously excluded from the church.

5th. At their request the clerk was authorized to write sisters Willey O'Neal, Sarah O'Neal and John O'Neal letters of dismissal.

6th. Appointed brethren as visiting messengers to Antioch, Bros. T. S. Chappell, J. Jessop, B. Tharp and Alexander Chappell, the first to write, to Richland, Thos. Jones and Wm. S. Kelly, the first to write, to Beech Spring, Bros. A. Andrews, J. A. Tharp, and T. S. Chappell, Tharp to write, to Woods Meeting House Bros. H. Solomon, T. S. Chappell, David Tharp, Thos. Jones and Henry Jones, Solomon to write. Chosed Bro. Tharp as pastor for this church this ensuing year.

7th. Resolved that on Saturday before our next fourth Sabbath Meeting we choose two deacons for this church as help mates for our present acting ones."

These charges against members are very interesting ones: Feb. 22, 1840 "Bro. John Bond made an acknowledgment for having drank too much spirits and appearing very penitent was forgiven by the brethren.

March 27, 1847, took up the case of Bro. Tilman and unanimously expelled him for obstinacy.

March 25, 1848, on motion and agreement the church Decorum was read. The church then took up the case of Bro. James Blackshear for failing to attend conference and for playing the violin and dancing and on hearing the report of the committee of the last conference (it being unfavorable) and the offending bro. remaining still incorrigible, the church by a unanimous vote excluded him.

Nov. 25, 1848, "Bro. Martin Melton charged himself with the fault of intoxication and for his voluntary and frank confession of the same the church forgave him for the offense."

Dec. 23, 1848 "Bro. Thos. H. Jones charged himself with the fault of having passed a few blows in self defense and in defense of his family, expressed sorrow and asked forgiveness, the church therefore forgave him."

On July 27, 1867, "Willis Hearn was expelled for swearing".

On June 25, 1853, "the case of Bro. Newman was taken up and to the charge of non-attendance was added that of treating the church with contempt whereon he was unanimously expelled."

The Old Stone Creek Academy that had been changed into the church was adjudged unsatisfactory, for on Jan. 26,

1850, it was recorded. "Deeming it expedient and advisable to build a new Meeting House, the Church on motion therefore appointed Bros. T. S. Chappell and J. A. Tharp on the part of the Church and John *Davis*, Esq. on the part of the community as a com. to ascertain what amount of money can be obtained for the purpose of building the said Meeting House and report it at our next convention."

The money was collected and the building erected. The fifth Sabbath in Sept. of 1850 was appointed for its dedication. No mention is made of the actual dedication services, however it must have taken place as scheduled for if it had not the fact would have been recorded.

This is the building that stands today. The members built this one for permanence for it has stood the test of time well. It is a wooden structure built on Southern Colonial style. Inside extending around the church on three sides is a gallery built for the slaves. Down the center of the church is the partition that separated the men from the women. No lady would have been so bold as to sit on the wrong side of that partition. The pews are made of pine and are upright. They certainly are not designed for comfort.

A few years ago it was decided to use the space in the gallery for Sunday School rooms. From the edge of the gallery railing toward the ceiling the space has been filled in. No part was removed but some of the beauty of the interior was lost as the lines changed. Considering that the rooms are used, the sacrifice of the beauty was worth it.

The revival meetings were still held every year. The largest number of new members recorded were added during the revival held in 1851. The following facts were recorded in the minutes of Oct. 5, 1851, "Sabbath morning at 9:00 o'clock we assembled and after prayer meeting a door was opened for the reception of members but none came forward. Repaired to the water, baptized 16, after which Bro. Tharp preached followed by Bro. Pearson. Quite a number of mourners came forward for whom prayer was offered by Bro. Jas. Pearson. This ended the revival of the year of our Lord 1851 in which 71 joined by experience, 3 were restored and 3 joined by letter."

Fasting was still a custom of the Baptist Church at this time. On Oct. 23, 1852, "In pursuance of a resolution of the Convention it was resolved that we assemble at this place and observe the last Sabbath in this month as a day of fasting and prayer to God for an increase of laborers in His harvest field."

Footwashing had already disappeared and finally no mention is made of fasting. There are no reasons given for the discontinuing of either.

Charnick A. Tharp had served the church long and well. He had refused any money for his services. The only pay he ever received was a Biblical Encyclopedia presented him by his members. This is not recorded in the Record Book but much too interesting not to relate. I read the story in his diary, now in the possession of a descendant, Clarence Tharp. In the year of 1812 there was a great earthquake. It occurred at night. Everyone was very much frightened for they thought the end of the world had come. Charnick was not a member of the church at that time. He was terrified until there came to his mind a quotation from the 31st chapter of Jeremiah, "I have loved with an everlasting love and with loving kindness I have drawn thee". From then on he lost his fear. He united with the church and became a minister. He always felt that his life and his services belonged to the Lord so he took no pay for his services. At some time during his ministry the congregation gave him the Encyclopedia.

By 1850 the pattern of life in the neighborhood had changed greatly from the early days. Most of the land was in the hands of a few families, Chappell, Davis, Nelson, Parker, Solomon, and Tharp. Men with these names were on almost every committee selected and a majority of the slaves belonged to some member of these families. By this time the slave membership was larger than the white membership. Life was slow and pleasant on most of these big plantations. Some of them were good distances apart so that visiting was not frequent. So on the day church services were held everyone went to church. It was the custom then to invite friends home to dinner. It was nothing unusual for a planter to take twenty or thirty guests to his home for dinner. Nothing of this is mentioned in "The Journal" but I have heard many stories told in the neighborhood of this custom.

Also "The Journal" does not mention the "dinners on the ground" that have occurred at the church throughout the years and are still held there sometimes. In the old days the slaves were kept busy several days in advance preparing the food. Pigs, goats and sheep were barbecued. Pies and cakes were baked and chickens were fried. The food was put in huge hampers or trunks and hauled to the church on wagons. A long table had been built out under the trees. The table could not hold all the food so it was replenished

from the trunks as it was needed. After the white people ate, the slaves had their dinner.

When the Association met at Stone Creek that meant the feasts would be for two or three days. Delegates and visitors would come from the adjoining counties and the big homes would have to accommodate them. Since there were so few big houses many guests would have to stay at one house. There were not enough beds nor mattresses to make pallets for such crowds. Cotton was put down on the floor, mattress covering placed over it and tacked to the floor. Sheets were put on and the bed was ready. The Association met in summer so heavy cover was not needed.

There was no musical instrument in the church but Charnick A. Tharp owned a melodean so it was put on a wagon and carried to the church. His daughter, Frances A. Tharp, played the melodean.

Charnick A. Tharp resigned on Oct. 25, 1856, because of ill health. Sylvanus Landrum took the pastorate but remained only one year. Then G. R. McCall came to serve. He was pastor at the beginning of the War.

The business of the Church was conducted as usual during the War. Nothing of the excitement, the struggles nor the hardships of the times is recorded. Protracted meetings were held, delegates selected to the Association and committees were named to investigate the conduct of erring members. Letters of dismissal were also given on request. Few new members were taken in. Several of these members were baptized by an army chaplain in Virginia.

In 1862 G. R. McCall resigned and Washington Tharp, son of Charnick A. Tharp, accepted the ministry.

No notice of the condition of the times appeared until Nov. 23, 1864, "No conference owing to the enemy's raid near the church."

The enemy must not have stayed long for a conference was held in December. The next reference was on April 25, 1865. "No conference owing to the state of our National Affairs."

But when conference was held in May 1865 this resolution was made: "Resolved that we expell each and every colored member of this church who deserts his owner and goes to the enemy as we hold that it is contrary to the teaching of the Bible. Moved and carried that a committee of three be appointed to report the names of all such members guilty of the above offense at our next con. to wit. Brethren R. A. Nash, J. A. Tharp and J. D. Tharp."

Throughout all the years that this record was kept the slaves were tried for many offenses but attempts at running away were rare. In fact, only three cases are recorded. That is interesting in view of the fact that there were hundreds that had joined the church. These cases were reported in 1835, 1841 and 1852.

In June 1865 "Called for unfinished business and the case with reference to colored members leaving their owners without leave was taken up and upon motion and second the vote was put to reconsider the matter as the laws of our country had liberated them, the resolution resinded."

In 1864 Washington Tharp resigned and G. R. McCall again took the pastorate.

After the War the colored people took the names of their former owners. That was confusing as their names are along with the whites for occasionally a clerk would forget to write "col." by their names. However, new members were listed in the minutes and again with the long list of members at the end of the Journal. So it was in one place if not the other.

The Negroes were now a problem on their hands as evidenced by the frequency of the references to them. On Nov. 24, 1866 "the Church granted the liberty to Harry Jones of color to preach among his people".

G. R. McCall resigned in 1866 and William D. Horn was selected. He was there during the solution of the very difficult problem of separating the blacks.

On Aug. 24, 1867, "Committee reported that the colored members desired to continue their conferences with the whites as heretofore and to have 2 deacons appointed among themselves which choice fell upon Peter Davis and Chesley Parker and they were ordained as deacons."

In Oct. 1868 the colored conference was reported separately from the white conference. At this time it is very hard to keep up with the minutes. The clerks were careless in their reports and some of them wrote poorly.

Sept. 1869, "Granted the colored bros. permission to hold conference at Swift Creek under the direction of Bro. Peter Parker until they gain strength to constitute a church". The minutes of their conferences are given in the Journal until they separated entirely. This occurred in 1874.

In the minutes of the colored conference of Aug. 23, 1874, they "voted to withdraw from the whites which was carried there being only three voting no, and to build them

a separate house and to organize at their next conference by electing a new clerk and calling their pastor."

In 1875, P. W. Edge became pastor of Stone Creek. For a long time there were only a few new members. Many of the old members moved away. The blacks were no longer there so the congregations must have been very small. However, committees were still appointed to report on the conduct of the members.

On Oct. 23, 1878, "The case of Daniel Defore was taken up and the fellowship of the Church was withdrawn from him for violating the Sabbath Day." (He went fishing on Sunday).

On May 24, 1884, "The Fellowship of the Church was withdrawn from T. R. Burkett upon the charge of profanity."

In Jan. 1886, the "privilege of building a school house on the church grounds, said house to be used only for the education of white children and for no other purpose".

The church slowly began to grow again after the long hard years of the Reconstruction period after the War. In 1885 the Rev. P. W. Edge resigned and the Rev. B. Franklin Tharp, grandson of Vincent A. Tharp took the pastorate. Franklin Tharp remained for one year. In 1887 Rev. George W. Tharp, grandson of Charnick A. Tharp, accepted the pastorate. He was pastor for a number of years but the minutes of those conferences are in another record for this Journal ends in 1888.

MINISTERS OF STONE CREEK CHURCH

Henry Hooten	1808-1811
Vincent T. A. Tharp	1811-1825
Theo Pearce	1825-1826
Charnick A. Tharp	1826-1856
Sylvanus Landrum	1856-1857
G. R. McCall	1857-1862
Washington Tharp	1862-1864
G. R. McCall	1864-1866
William D. Horn	1866-1875
P. W. Edge	1875-1885
B. Franklin Tharp	1885-1886
George W. Tharp	1887-

DEACONS OF STONE CREEK WHOSE NAMES APPEAR IN THE MINUTES

Theopilus Pearce	1808
Stansel Barbree	1813
Alexander Nelson	1813

John Showes	1813
John A. Tharp	1819
Hiram McCullars	1824
Samuel Jessop	1831
Jeremiah A. Tharp	1832
James Pearson	1839
T. S. Chappell	1842
Abisha Andrews	1845
Isham G. Andrews	1845
Isaac Horn	1862
Joseph Tharp	1868
William Davis	1875
William Solomon	1878
William H. Andrews	1883
Henry Pearce	1883
John Herring, Sr.	1883
John O'Neal	1883
Alex Jones	1883

CLERKS OF STONE CREEK CHURCH

James Powell	1808-1811
John A. Tharp, Jr.	1811-1819
C. A. Tharp	1819-1826
Jeremiah A. Tharp	1826-1835
William D. Horne	1835-1842
Benj. Tharp	1842-1855
Simeon Tharp	1855-1861
Washington Tharp	1861-1861
John D. Tharp	1861-1864
Simeon Tharp	1864-1865
Joseph Tharp	1865-1868
Gilbert Davis	1868-1870
J. E. Andrews	1870-1872
Jefferson Tharp	1872-1881
Jas. C. Solomon	1881-1883
J. E. Andrews	1883-1885
S. F. Asbell	1885-

DEATHS

The deaths of the members were not recorded separately but by the names of some of the members date of death had been added. These are the dates.

Andrews, Abisha—Sept. 1861
 Andrews, Elizabeth—Apr. 17, 1839
 Andrews, Lucinda—1869
 Andrews, Luvenia—1843

Andrews, I. G.—May 27, 1876
Andrews, Robert (Robin)—Jan. 1843
Ard, John—July 29, 1868
Ard, Mary—1864
Ard, Thomas—Oct. 8, 1866
Chappell, Lavinia—Apr. 14, 1851
Chappell, T. S.—Aug. 1861
Denson, Berrien—Oct. 1867
Edge, P. W.—Apr. 9, 1889
Hogan, Mary—June 6, 1863
Hogan, Mary—March, 1864
Horne, Bro.—Apr. 21, 1883
Horne, Emily—Dec. 12, 1866
Horton, Lucy—Feb. 27, 1830
Jessop, James—Sept. 1, 1853
Johnson, Jeremiah—Jan. 1857 (After a long
spell of sickness)
Jones, Henry—1858
Kelly, Ann—Mar. 30, 1867
Latson, Narcissa—June 6, 1863
Latson, Edward B.—No date
Liles, M. C.—Oct. 1859
Parker, Gabriel—May, 1829
Pearson, Caroline—Jan. 10, 1870
Pearson, Franklin—Joined 1863, died in Con.
Service 1867
Pearce, Hannah—Aug. 27, 1931
Ray, Elizabeth, wife of Ben Ray—Sept. 16, 1868
Read, Alpheus L.—1865
Read, William—June 1864
Rogers, Daniel—1864
Rogers, Joseph—Died in Con. Service 1864
Rogers, Newman—1865
Sanders, Christopher—June 1829
Smith, Thos.—Feb. 2, 1843
Solomon, Ruffin—Died in Virginia Aug. 1863
Tharp, Charnick A., Jr.—Died in Con.
Service 1863
Tharp, Charnick A.—Nov. 19, 1867
Tharp, Elizabeth A.—Nov. 8, 1872
Tharp, Jane—1843
Tharp, Jeremiah A.—June 6, 1863
Tharp, Judson A.—June, 1863
Tharp, Sarah A.—Jan. 11, 1832
Wester, Hezekiah—1865
Wood, John L.—June 6, 1863
Wood, Old Bro.—1868

MARRIAGES

The marriages were not listed but by the names of some of the women the name of the husband had been listed. I found the following listed:

Andrews, Carrie Lou—Bond
 Andrews, Elizabeth—Fales
 Ard, Narcissa Louise—Defore
 Bond, Emma A.—Tharp
 Bowden, Isabella—Defore
 Cranford, Louvenia—Asbell
 Davis, Mary Maud—Davidson
 Defore, Lucinda—Latson
 Epps, Emma—Pierce
 Epps, Henrietta—Hunnicutt
 Epps, Mary—Miller
 Epps, Vola—Jones
 Harden, Eliza E.—Davis
 Henderson, Mahala—O'Neal
 Henderson, Ellene—Herring
 Herring, Fannie—Wall
 Herring, Julia—Wall
 Herring, Lucretia—Simmons
 Herring, Sallie—Wall
 Howington, Sarah—Mullis
 Jones, Ella—Brown
 Jones, Mary C.—Land
 Land, Minnie—Ard
 Land, Rebecca—Melton
 Morea, Elizabeth—Melton 1860
 Perry, Elizabeth—Pennington
 Rice, Lucia—Bond
 Stroup, M. F.—Armstrong
 Solomon, Ella Josephine—Hammock
 Vann, Mary—Stephens

NAMES OF PERSONS NOT MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH
 BUT WHO OWNED SLAVES THAT JOINED
 THE CHURCH

There were a number of families in the neighborhood who were not Baptists though they often attended the church. Some of them owned a number of slaves. When a slave joined the church his name was listed, the date given and the name of his owner. Below are listed the names of the owners and the date on which the slave joined the church. If the owner was a member of the church his name

is not on this list. This list was made to give the names of these families in the neighborhood of the church.

Arrington, H. C.	1851
Arrington, Thos.	1856
Benford, ————	1815
Benford, John	1845
Bull, Jesse J.	1856
Carroll, Isaac	1865
Chappell, J. J.	1843
Clark, Mrs.	1838
Collins, James W.	1847
Davis, Benj.	1857
Davis, Elisha	1845
Davis, James M.	1944
Davis, John	1816
Derrett, Dr.	1829
Donalson	1850
Epps, J. C.	1855
Everett, Benj.	1845
Finch, William	1857
Gee, children of Henry	1857
Glover, Kelly	1835
Harden, Ludrick	1857
Hill, W. S.	1810
Honeycutt, William	1838
Jamison	1820
Jones, Elias	1856
Jones, George (Wilkinson Co.)	1856
Jones, Nancy	1854
Jorden, John	1830
Lemar, ————	1825
Lamar, H. J.	1864
Lowe, John, Jr.	1857
McKinney	1813
McMillan, L. B.	1851
McCullars, Faith (Miss)	1827
Melton, Lucinda	1840
Moree (Estate of William)	1838
Nelson, John A.	1852
Owens, Sister	1851
Parker, N. P.	1854
Parker, R. K.	1854
Perry, Barton	1856
Ragans, L.	1861
Rogers, Stanford	1835
Simmons, John F.	1845

Solomon, Henry	1835
Tharp, E. M.	1857
Tharp, Wm. A.	1838
Thompson, Dr.	1847
Vann, S.	1844
Wall, J. B.	1858
Williams, B.	1827

REV. C. A. THARP was born February 27, 1790,
died, November 19, 1867.

He joined Stone Creek Church in 1812 at twenty-two years of age and lived a member of it until his death, being fifty-five years connected with the church. He was ordained to the Gospel Ministry in 1826 and chosen Pastor and served the Church until 1858, being their pastor for thirty-two years at which time he was compelled to resign on account of feeble health.

Under his labors and energy the church prospered and was greatly blessed of the Lord.

At the time he began his labors it was a small church numbering about forty members and under his labors and zeal it increased to three hundred members. Being very punctual in his appointments and being possessed of good abilities and much zeal he had the good of the Lord's cause always at heart. He proclaimed the gospel about forty years. During one protracted meeting he baptized eighty-four converts. No man ever laboured as long and zealously for one church perhaps in the state as did he, being Pastor of several other churches at the same time. He served the Ebenezer Association as Moderator twenty-five years in succession until his health became too feeble to attend. His moral influence in society was very great, being possessed of fine social qualities and ever ready to do deeds of charity.

The church mourns his loss heavily and with sorrowful hearts say "*Who can fill his place*"?

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Sept. 21, 1861

Whereas God has seen fit to move from our midst and from the membership of this the Stone Creek Church, Twiggs County, Ga., our beloved Brethren and inestimable deacons, T. S. Chappell, and Abisha Andrews who died at their homes, the former on the 26th of August, and the latter on the 17th of September, 1861. Be it resolved that while we humbly submit to the will of God in this sad removal of

brethren whose loss we so deeply feel now that they are removed to the enjoyment of that rest which God has prepared for all his elect we will long cherish the memory of those who have endeared themselves to us by their holy examples and faithfulness in the cause of their master. Resolved that we profoundly sympathize with their bereaved families and tender them condolence and at the same time commend them to our Heavenly Father who has declared that He will not forsake those who trust in him for protection. Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be placed upon the minutes and one handed to the families of the bereaved and another sent to the Christian Index for publication.

R. B. Edmonds
J. D. Tharp
W. Tharp

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT TO JEREMIAH A. THARP, 1863

From Stone Creek Baptist Church in Twiggs County, Georgia, to Bro. Jeremiah A. Tharp who was born Oct. 1st, 1793, and in the seventy-seventh year of his age, after faithfully serving as a deacon for more than a quarter of a century, he reposes on the bosom of his Savior leaving a large family as well as a large number of friends and relatives and Christian brethren to mourn his loss.

Whereas God has ordained that all men shall die, and after death their souls shall be translated into unknown worlds to be eternally blessed or everlastingly damned and our beloved brother and deacon having lived in such conformity to the will of his Divine Master that we have full assurance his immortal spirit is now at rest in that better world, therefore we feel it our duty to express a love for his name and to honor it with a page in our church book ascribed to his memory; and

Whereas the death of one who labored so long and zealously in the cause of Zion, one whose walks went in close communion with his maker, one to whom we could go in time of trouble and find a balm for every wound, one whose aspect was always cheerful amid the most trying scenes and whose last moments were fraught with sufferings so intense that he preferred death a thousand times, yet uncomplainingly he submitted to it all remembering that the ways of God are always righteous though often secret and unseasonable. Such a death demands sorrow from every heart and though we so deeply moan the loss of our bro. at the same time we calmly submit to the will of God,

humbly beseeching him to place his mantle to one who shall bear it unsoiled amid the conflicts of life.

Whereas, all the praise we could ascribe to his name would be useless besides it were impossible to do justice to such a character, therefore, in order that in after years we may look back upon our records and learn the true Christian spirit of one whose whole life was spent in the cause of Zion.

Resolved 1st, That in the death of Bro. Tharp we have lost an active member, a worthy deacon, a devoted father, a loving brother, and a faithful friend whose influence will be felt and whose memory will be cherished so long as there remains a vestige of the church which he helped to build, and for which he so faithfully labored.

Resolved 2nd, That while we mourn our Brother's loss we thank God that he has taken him from this world of trouble to a land of rest.

Resolved 3rd, That though our departed Bro. can not return to us, by the help of God, we will endeavor to emulate his pious examples that some day we may join him in singing anthems around the throne of God to the Lamb that taketh away the sins of the world.

Resolved 4th, That we mingle our tears with those of his bereaved family in their hour of deepest distress and tender them our sympathy, and commit them to the hands of that God who bore their venerable father so calmly amid the vicissitudes of life.

Resolved 5th, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished the family of our deceased Bro.

W. D. Horne I. G. Andrews

T. M. Rice W. A. Davis

Committee

RESOLUTIONS ON THE RESIGNATION OF CHARNICK A. THARP

A committee was appointed at last conference to draft resolutions and present them to the church, read and approved them which are as follows:

Whereas our venerable and beloved Pastor, the Revd. C. A. Tharp has felt it to be his duty from age and increasing affliction to resign the pastoral charge of this church and whereas Bro. Tharp's entire religious life has been connected with this church having been baptized by her authority and having served her in the offices of clerk, deacon, and pastor for a large portion of her life, it is proper on this occasion to give some expression of our feelings toward him, Therefore,

1. Resolved, That this church feel constrained by the age and afflictions of Bro. Tharp to accept his resignation as Pastor.

2. Resolved, that we feel it a pleasure on this occasion to assure Bro. Tharp of our high respect for him in all the relations which he has sustained to us and especially in those of pastor for about thirty years and moderator of our association for upwards of twenty-five years, during which time he missed but one session and that was from affliction. He has by his ability in the Scripture, his zeal, piety, industry and promptness secured the confidence of his fellow citizens and a love from this church which no words can express.

3. Resolved, That Bro. Tharp deserves, and we hereby extend to him the heartfelt gratitude of this church for his long and faithful services generally rendered without any earthly reward, and that we will ever pray that the Lord may sanctify to him all his afflictions and spare him to us till all his work is done and then receive him from the labors of earth to the rest of Heaven and Glory.

4. Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be furnished Brother Tharp by the Clerk, recorded in the Church Book and a copy be sent to the Christian Index for Publication.

December 21, 1867

Tribute of Respect to Rev. C. A. Tharp who departed this life Nov. 19, 1867, aged 78 years.

Voted by the Baptist Church at Stone Creek, Twiggs County, Georgia.

Whereas, an all-wise and merciful Father has recently removed from our midst our aged venerable and much loved brother, Rev. C. A. Tharp thus depriving us of his wise councils and the blessings of his marked and pious examples.

Therefore it is resolved by said church now in conference assembled:

1st. That while we mourn the loss of so good and useful a man to us we gratefully acknowledge the Divine goodness in sparing him for so long a time.

2nd. That while we all realize that a great man in Israel has fallen, Great in his goodness, in the uniformity of his Christian character and in the strength of his moral integrity that we acquiesce in this purpose of the removal of his aged and time worn servant from the scenes of his toil to that rest which remaineth for the people of God.

3rd. In token of our bereavement and in due respect to the memory of our Beloved Father in Israel and as an expression of our approval of the pious reputation he has so long maintained in our midst we will clothe our Bible board in mourning for the space of thirty days, next the adoption of the foregoing and that we unitedly tender to his aged widow and his surviving family relations generally our heartfelt condolence in their bereavement.

4th. That a blank page in our record be left for the record of the name, age, and time of the demise of our lamented brother, together with such Biographical sketches of his life and ministerial labors as may seem to be proper.

5th. That these Resolutions be spread on the minutes and a copy be tendered to his family as an additional earnest of our high esteem and christian regard and this conference now adjourn until Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in January next.

STONE CREEK CHURCH, Sept. 26, 1875

The committee appointed to draft a preamble and resolution commemorative of the death of brother Joseph Tharp, submit the following report.

Whereas, the providence of our Heavenly Father in calling from our midst our much beloved brother and devoted deacon, Joseph Tharp, has veiled the church and community in greatest gloom and deepest sorrow, and

Whereas, the untiring labor, ardent piety and zealous devotion of our departed Bro. have, in the mercy of God, contributed so greatly to the comfort of mourners, the edification of the church and general success of the gospel in our midst; and

Whereas, his unwavering fidelity, unostentatious charity and undeviating humility have won for him a most envious and laudible position in the affections of all who knew him:

Resolved that we deplore with un murmuring submission the vacancy created by the death of our devoted deacon, and covenant together to pray the Blessed Father to raise some man among us upon whose shoulders the mantle of our lamented Bro. may worthily descend.

Resolved that we offer the undivided sympathy of our church to the bereaved widow and relatives of the deceased.

Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon

our church book, a copy furnished sister Tharp, and a copy sent to the Index for publication.

P. W. Edge, Chairman.

The above resolutions were adopted by amending so as to request The Telegraph and Messenger of Macon and Southerner of Irwington to copy.

Tribute of Respect to Rev. P. W. Edge
1889

Moved, seconded and unanimously passed in conference that a special committee be appointed to draw up resolutions in regard to the death of the Rev. P. W. Edge, a member of Stone Creek Church and its eloquent pastor for ten or twelve years preceding his removal to Macon, Ga.

We your committee beg leave to submit the following report:

Resolved 1st. That we as a church deplore his early death.

2nd. That in behalf of his family offer our heartfelt sympathy and can only say the will of God be one on earth as it is in heaven. We think that the Rev. P. W. Edge had but few equals and no superiors of his age in the Missionary Baptist Church of Georgia as an orator. There was something about his methods of elocution altogether original with him. It carried his audience by the force of logic and rhetoric and many is the heart that would drink welcome truths that emanated from his lips.

Let us say to the bereaved wife and children be not cast down, the good Lord has promised to be your protector.

3rd. That these resolutions be sent to the Christian Index for publication.

T. M. C. Rice,
Chairman.

DAVISES WHO WERE MEMBERS OF STONE CREEK
BAPTIST CHURCH AND DATE THEY JOINED

Davis, Barbary	Aug. 27, 1838
Davis, Cordelia	July 27, 1871
Davis, Emma R.	July 27, 1868
Davis, Gilbert	July 27, 1865
Davis, Mary	June 22, 1811
Davis, Mary R.	June 25, 1869
Davis, Mary Maud	July 30, 1885
Davis, Mazy	Aug. 26, 1860
Davis, Rebecca	March 24, 1817

Davis, Rebecca (Molly)	July 25, 1863
Davis, Robert E.	Aug. 29, 1873
Davis, Rosabella	Aug. 26, 1860
Davis, William	Dec. 20, 1865
Davis, William A., Jr.	Aug. 25, 1888

EXPLANATION OF WHO THESE WERE

Davis, Barbary—Unknown.

Davis, Cordelia—daughter of John Davis and Penniah Hogan Davis.

Davis, Emma R.—wife of Gilbert M. Davis, (Emma Nelson).

Davis, Gilbert—son of Elisha Davis and Mazy G. Parker Davis.

Davis, Mary—must have come from Burke County with John Davis in 1810.

Davis, Mary R.—wife of William Augustus Davis (she was Mary R. Summers).

Davis, Mary Maud—daughter of John Norwood Davis and Maria Louisa Stiles.

Davis, Mazy—Mazy G. Parker, wife of Elisha Davis.

Davis, Rebecca—wife of John Davis (Rebecca Jones).

Davis, Rebecca (Molly)—daughter of Elisha Davis, later Mrs. George W. Tharp.

Davis, Robert E.—son of Elisha Davis.

Davis, Rosabella—daughter of Elisha Davis, later married Benjamin Terrell Ray.

Davis, William—son of Elisha Davis.

Davis, William A., Jr.—son of John Norwood Davis and Maria Louisa Stiles Davis.

Owned slaves, dates by name indicate the date a slave joined the church. The master was not a church member. Often he had many slaves to join but I only listed one date.

Davis, Benj.—1859

Davis, Elisha—1845

Davis, James M.—1844

Davis, John—1816

Benj., Elisha and James M. were sons of John Davis.

Jane McCormac joined Stone Creek May 24, 1811.



JOSEPHINE SHIPP DAVIS



ANNIE NELMS ALDREDGE

CHAPTER X

JOHN DAVIS, JR.

1-7. John Davis, Jr., son of John Davis Esquire, and Rebecca Jones, b. 4-8-1810 in Twiggs County, Georgia, married two sisters, Sarah and Penina or Peniah (Penny) Hogan, b. 1816. They were from North Carolina and were cousins of Mazie Godwin Parker, wife of John's brother, Elisha Davis. He married Sarah Hogan January 15th, 1843, and three of his children are issue of this first wife. He continued to live in Twiggs County the rest of his life, and was a very successful planter.

Issue of John Davis and Sarah Hogan:

1-7-1. Antoinette (Nettie) Davis, b. 1844, m. John Bull.

Issue:

1-7-1-1. John Bull, Jr.

1-7-1-2. Will Bull, m. Minnie Melton.

1-7-1-3. Leila Bull, m. Raymond Hughes, and lived in Laurens and Houston Counties.

Issue:

1-7-1-3-1. Pearl Hughes, m. ————— Morgan.

1-7-2. Rebecca (Babe) Davis, b. 7-9-1845, d. 11-30-1893, m. 11-22-1863, James F. Land, b. 9-12-1845, d. 4-23-1876 m. 2) William M. Melton.

Issue of Rebecca Davis and James F. Land:

1-7-2-1. Sallie Lucretia Land, b. 9-12-1864, m. 12-22-1881, John William Paul, b. 2-11-1862, d. 3-8-1928. Mr. and Mrs. John William Paul lived near the Friendship Baptist Church in Twiggs County, and had twelve children.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-1. James Land Paul, b. 1-10-1883, d. 1-13-1946, m. 4-26-1903, Nona Hunnicutt. After death of first wife, married 2) Julie Edwards, 8-9-1930. All children are issue of first wife.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-1-1. Eunice Paul, m. Lee Hobbs.

1-7-2-1-1-2. James L. Paul.

1-7-2-1-1-3. Lelia Paul.

1-7-2-1-2. Loulie May Paul, b. 2-16-1885, m. 12-22-1907 Andrew David Varn, b. 10-12-1879, d. 2-7-1937.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-2-1. Infant, died 9-2-1908.

1-7-2-1-2-2. Sarah Lucretia Varn, b. 9-1-1909, m. 4-9-1932, Norman A. McMillan, and live in Latta, S. C.

1-7-2-1-2-3. Rose Cleveland Varn, b. 8-27-1911, m. 5-2-1930, Felix D. Bigby. Live in Mobile.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-2-3-1. William Thomas Bigby, b. 8-18-1936.

1-7-2-1-2-3-2. Felix Dunlop Bigby, b. 8-4-1938.

1-7-2-1-2-4. Andrew David Varn, Jr., b. 6-8-1916, m. Harriette Hudson, of Macon.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-2-4-1. Harriette Varn.

1-7-2-1-2-4-2. Kay Varn.

1-7-2-1-2-5. Mary Anderson Varn, b. 5 - 3 - 1918, m. Mack Toole.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-2-5-1. Mack Toole, Jr.

1-7-2-1-2-5-2. Patsy Toole.

1-7-2-1-2-5-3. Andrew David Toole.

1-7-2-1-3. Laura Rebecca Paul, b. 4-1-1837, d. 6-9-1837.

1-7-2-1-4. Wiley Price Paul, b. 11-20-1888, d. 9-30-1936. Unmarried.

1-7-2-1-5. Maggie Hellena Paul, b. 4-17-1891, m. 10-24-1915, James Corr, d. 3-8-1929.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-5-1. Kathryn Corr, b. 9-8-1916, m. Taylor Cars-tarphen.

1-7-2-1-5-2. James Corr, b. 4-24-1919, m. 2-6-1949 to Joyce Barlow, b. 7-13-1924.

1-7-2-1-5-3. Edward Corr, b. 9 - 4 - 1923, m. Nancy Green, N. C.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-5-3-1. Cynthia Diane Corr, b. 2-28-1947.

1-7-2-1-5-3-2. Robert Mark Corr, b. 10-17-1948.

1-7-2-1-5-4. Robert Corr, b. 10-12-1920, d. 9-10-1921.

1-7-2-1-6. Sarah Ella Paul, b. 1-30-1893, d. 8-28-1900.

1-7-2-1-7. Rosa Paul, b. 5-9-1895, d. 2-14-1896.

1-7-2-1-8. Oscar Paul, b. 11-8-1896, m. 1) 4-6-1920, Nita Anderson, d. 1-4-1936, m. 2) 7-4-1937, Louise Bollinger.

Issue of Oscar Paul and Nita Anderson:

1-7-2-1-8-1. Marjorie Paul, b. 5-23-1931, m. Maj. Montague Jacobs.

Issue of Oscar Paul and Louise Bollinger:

1-7-2-1-8-2. Clayton Roscoe Paul, b. 9-6-1941.

1-7-2-1-9. Emma Paul, b. 1-26-1898, m. 7-24-1920, Otis Green, m. 2) 4-5-1932, William Smith.

No issue.

1-7-2-1-10. Roy Adams Paul, b. 7-8-1901, m. 1) Aug. 1926, Laura Giginniliat, m. 2) Evelyn Smith.

Issue of Roy Adams Paul and Laura Giginniliat:

1-7-2-1-10-1. Clarice Paul, b. 10-18-1927.

1-7-2-1-11. Evelyn T. Paul, b. 8-18-1904, m. 12-24-1923, Walter Benson Goad.

Issue:

1-7-2-1-11-1. Walter B. Goad, Jr., b. 9-5-1925. Graduated from Union College, 1945, Commissioned Ensign in 1945, and received Ph. D. at University of California.

1-7-2-1-11-2. Patricia Ann Goad, b. 1-13-1931.

1-7-2-1-12. J. W. Paul, b. 8-11-1909.

1-7-2-2. Emma Ada Land, b. 6-24-1866, d. 6-3-1939, m. 2-17-1889 Charles F. Pearce, b. 1-23-1866, d. 9-9-1916. Both Emma Land and her husband were born in Twiggs County, though they later moved to Bibb County, where they are buried.

Issue:

1-7-2-2-1. Gussie May Pearce, b. 1-3-1890, m. 12-27-1907 Franklin Henry Hammack, b. 3-31-1875, d. 3-23-1929.

Issue:

1-7-2-2-1-1. Francis Lelan Hammack, b. 10-26-1914, m. 1) 10-26-1934, Eunice Butler, no issue; m. 2) 4-17-1939, Nadine Buskins.

Issue:

1-7-2-2-1-1-1. Frances LaGene Hammack, b. 6-29-1942.

m. 3) 1946, Juanita Corn.

1-7-2-2-2. Clarence Henry Pearce, b. 1-18-1891, d. 12-12-1891.

1-7-2-2-3. Edward Estes Pearce, b. 12-7-1892, d. 4-27-1894.

1-7-2-2-4. Claude W. Pearce, d. 2-7-1932, m. Frances Velma Tidwell. No issue. Buried in Macon.

1-7-2-3. John Mark Land, b. 6-18-1869, d. 8-12-1891.

1-7-2-4. Davis Land, b. 12-20-1870, d. 10-16-1888. Killed by a train in Bullards, Georgia.

Issue of Rebecca Davis and second husband, William M. Melton.

1-7-2-5. Nettie Cordelia Melton, b. 12-6-1879, m. 1) Tully Cranford of Twiggs County, m. 2) Grafton Gardner, of Texas.

Issue:

1-7-2-5-1. Hudnal Cranford, m. 5-4-1917, W. R. Bolston, Beaumont, Texas.

Issue:

1-7-2-5-1-1. Billy Bolston, m. Joe Caudle.

1-7-2-6. Earnest Theodore Melton, b. 3-31-1882. Unmarried. Died in Florida.

1-7-2-7. Andrew Jackson Melton, b. 4-10-1886, d. 8-18-1886.

1-7-2-8. William Bradford Melton, b. 10-24-1887. Married twice, but had no issue. Lived in Houston, Texas.

1-7-3. Andrew Jackson Davis, son of John Davis and Sarah Hogan, b. 1847, and died as a Confederate Soldier in the War Between the States. Unmarried.

1-7-4. Cordelia Davis was the daughter of John Davis and his second wife, Penina Hogan, and was born February 21st, 1855. Married in January of 1874 at Bond, Twiggs County, Ga., to Reuben A. Nash, b. Fitzpatrick, Twiggs County, Georgia. He lived to be seventy-five years old. His parents were Mary Hart and Reuben Nash.

Issue:

1-7-4-1. John Nash. Died in childhood.

1-7-4-2. Pearl Nash, b. 6-15-1876, Bond, Twiggs County, Georgia. Married 10-9-1901 at Dry Branch, Twiggs County, Ga., to John Edgar Herin.

Issue:

1-7-4-2-1. Eloise Herin, m. Herman L. Tyner. No issue.

1-7-5. Elisha Davis. Died in an accident as a small child.

CHAPTER XI

DAVID J. DAVIS

1-8. David J. Davis, eighth child of John Davis, Esq., and Rebecca Jones, b. 7-9-1812, d. 2-23-1855, m. 2-20-1855 Mary Ann Hoge, d. before 9-25-1878, according to deed records of Bibb County, Ga.

David J. Davis was only fourteen years of age at the time of the death of his father, and was under the guardianship of his mother, Rebecca Davis, along with the other minor children. When his mother died in 1844 he was joint administrator, with his older brother, Elisha, of his mother's estate. He had inherited considerable property from his father's estate, and soon after coming of age he came into possession of his inheritance and had married Mary Ann Hoge. From the various official records it appears that he was not a financial success, for he left practically nothing when he died. (His estate was administered by his brother, Elisha Davis.) This was due we are sure to his easy going disposition and his generosity to his friends, an assumption that is borne out by an Editorial in *The Georgia Telegraph*, a Macon Newspaper, under date of February 27th, 1855, as follows:

“Death of D. J. Davis, Esq.”

“It becomes our painful duty to announce the death of Mr. David J. Davis, one of our best friends, and one of the oldest citizens of Macon. He expired at his residence in this city on Friday last.

Mr. Davis was a man of open heart and open hand—placable in his resentments, faithful in his friendships, kind and generous to all who were in distress. If he had the faults, he had also the virtues of a warm, social nature. His errors, such as they were, arose not from craft or selfishness or treachery, but ever those into which men of amiable temper and confiding disposition are naturally betrayed. He was much beloved in this community, and justly, too, for a better heart never animated mortal frame. The little he had he was ever ready to share with his friends, the unfortunate were ever sure of his sympathy, such assistance as he could render, was ever at the service of the poor. He has passed away from among us, leaving no enemies, and troupes of friends.

Mr. Davis, for the past ten years, had been alternately

Sheriff and Deputy Sheriff of Bibb County, and held the latter position up to the period of his last illness. He will long be held in the affectionate remembrance of this community."

When the bills were paid, following David's last illness and death, only a few dollars remained, though he had notes due him of \$2786.81 dating from 1837-1842, on which nothing had ever been paid. When they were discovered by Elisha Davis, as administrator, they were out of date, and nothing could be collected on them. Such was the generosity of David J. Davis. Appraisers of the estate were Elam Alexander, Daniel F. Clarke, and A. R. Freeman. Among the few personal belongings listed was a piano, so David must have appreciated music, or he would have sold that piano long ago, and the only real estate listed was 250 acres of land in Thomas County, which was sold for a small sum in 1856, and applied on his debts.

Issue of David J. Davis and Mary Ann Hoge:

1-8-1. Julia M. Davis, d. 3-18-1914, m. 2-5-1852, Pulaski S. Holt, Jr.

We do not have the date of Julia Davis' birth, but she was a student in Wesleyan College in 1848, and married in 1852. She was probably born 1835-1836. If she was born in 1835, which is likely, she would be only thirteen when she attended Wesleyan. This seems to be very early for a young girl to be in College, but at that time the College operated an Academy, and enrolled students even in the primary grades. My own mother attended Wesleyan at twelve.

The Wesleyan Catalog of 1899-1900 lists Julia M. Holt, nee Davis, as B. A. graduate of 1851.

It was not at all unusual for girls at that time to be married at seventeen, Julia's age when she married Pulaski S. Holt, if she was born, as we assume, in 1835. Relatives who knew Julia have described her as unusually beautiful, and even in old age, to have remarkable charm, because of her lively, gay disposition. The Holt family into which she married, was quite prominent in Macon and Bibb County, and had a large share in the upbuilding of the city and county. Pulaski S. Holt was usually referred to as Col. Holt, and among his many honors, served as a member of Macon's City Council in 1852 and 1853. The History of Macon, p. 423, says that he was not only the oldest graduate of the University of Georgia, at the time of his death, 7-12-1886, but was the oldest lawyer in the state of Georgia.

On June 11th, 1886, just one month before his death, Pulaski S. Holt transferred most of his property to his two children, Davis P. Holt, Sumpter County, Oregon, and Pulaski L. Holt of Bibb County, Georgia. (Bibb Co., Ga., Deed Book, MM, p. 111). Julia Davis Holt, his wife, was one of the witnesses. This property was described as follows: Seven hundred and fifty acres in Madison Co., Texas, twenty acres in the suburbs of Macon, adjoining the land of Anthony Johnson, and others, the house he then lived in at the corner of Holt and Orange Street, known as 129 Orange Street, being a part of lot No. 3, Beall's Hill, all of his property on Holt Street, being a part of No. 3 Beall's Hill, and all of his personal property in the City of Macon.

Julia Davis Holt died in Americus, Georgia, so she must have moved there soon after her husband's death in order to be with her two sons who lived there. In the deed from Pulaski S. Holt to his sons, he says that Davis P. Holt was living in Oregon, but he must have been there for only a short time, as he was later located in Americus, where his brother Pulaski also lived, after moving from Macon. A Macon attorney, Hugh Chambers, was administrator of Julia's small estate, when she died in 1914, and the returns are filed in Bibb County. From the final returns in 1929, Return Book GGG, p. 681, we learn that a small balance in the estate was deposited in the Court for the benefit of a child of Mrs. Julia Holt Kelly, a distributee, whose name and address was unknown. Julia Holt Kelly was a granddaughter of Julia Davis Holt, daughter of her son, Davis P. Holt. The report also stated that Mrs. Julia Davis Kelly and her husband had died in 1915 or 1916. This balance was never claimed.

Issue of Julia M. Davis and Pulaski S. Holt, Jr.:

1-8-1-1. Davis P. Holt, m. Elizabeth (Lizzie) _____
and lived in Sumter County, Georgia, near Americus.

Issue:

1-8-1-1-1. Julia Holt m. Dr. Kelly, and lived in Florida, according to relatives.

Issue:

1-8-1-1-1-1. Holt Kelly, the child mentioned in the administration of Julia Davis Holt's estate.

1-8-1-2. Pulaski L. Holt, 3rd, b. 1857, Macon, Georgia, d.

6-24-1913, m. 1-11-1886, Butler, Ga., Ruth Respass, d. 1-15-1951, Rome, Ga.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-1. Constance Respass Holt, b. 12-24-1887, Macon, Ga., m. 10-14-1914, Americus, Ga., Thaddeus Benjamin Youmans.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-1-1. Thaddeus Benjamin Youmans, Jr., b. 10-18-1917, m. 12-27-1947, Memphis, Sue Gwaltney Potts.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-1-1-1. Thaddeus Benjamin Youmans, 3rd, b. 10-13-1948.

1-8-1-2-1-1-2. Stephen Deaderick Youmans, b. 11-8-1950, Calhoun, Ga.

1-8-1-2-2. Peyton Randolph Holt, b. 1890, Americus, Ga. Unmarried.

1-8-1-2-3. Ruth Respass Holt, b. 10-9-1892, Americus, Ga., m. 10-8-1913 James Stinson Rees, b. 4-10-1892, Schley Co., Ga.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-3-1. Ruth Holt Rees, b. 1-3-1915, m. 8-2-1938, Dr. William Wesley Ayres.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-3-1-1. William Wesley Ayres, Jr., b. 11-10-1944.

1-8-1-2-3-2. Mary Cox Rees, b. 1-29-1918, m. 11-2-1942, Dr. Norton William Voorhies, b. 8-21-1910.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-3-2-1. Mollie Rees Voorhies, b. 11-10-1944, San Antonio, Texas.

1-8-1-2-3-2-2. Emery Norton Voorhies, b. 9 - 28-1948, New Orleans, La.

1-8-1-2-3-3. James Stinson Rees, Jr., b. 9-12-1919, m. 3-17-1943 Caroline Wade Choate, b. 2-15-1921.

Issue:

1-8-1-2-3-3-1. Caroline Wade Rees, b. 12-18-1945.

1-8-1-2-3-3-2. James S. Rees, 3rd, b. 2-28-1950.

1-8-1-2-4. Pulaski L. Holt, 4th, b. 3-6-1901. Unmarried.

1-8-1-2-5. John Zack Holt, b. 3-24-1903, Americus, Ga. Unmarried.

CHAPTER XII

MARIAH DAVIS

1-9. Maria (Mariah) Davis, ninth child of John Davis, Esq., and Rebecca Jones, b. 10-6-1814, Twiggs County, Georgia, m. 1-30-1834, Twiggs County, Ga., Vincent A. Hill, b. 1811, son of Nancy Allentharp, b. 1-15-1792, and her first husband, Willoughby Suggart Hill, b. 1788, d. 1822.

Maria and her husband moved to Harris County, Georgia, near Hamilton, soon after their marriage, and evidently lived there for the rest of their lives. It is unfortunate that we have only a meager record of this family, for Maria is the only one of the children of John and Rebecca Davis for whom we have been unable to locate any living descendants. The records that we have were secured from Census records, and from the will of Vincent A. Hill on file in Harris County, dated October 20th, 1853, and probated in November of 1854, and the record of the Confederate service of Hope Hull Hill, the only son, from the National Archives in Washington. From the records of Stone Creek Church in Twigg County, we know that Nancy was a member there in 1820.

Vincent A. Hill's will names his wife, Mariah as Executrix, and lists the following children: Rosaline, Antinet, Hope Hull Hill, the only son, Jennett, Susannah, Mary Ann, Joanna, and Rebecca Ann. The Census of 1850 does not list Rebecca Ann, as she had not yet been born, and the Census of 1860 omits the name of Antinet, who had either married (she was twenty-four in 1860), and moved to a home of her own, or she may have died in the meantime. The Census of 1860 does not list Rebecca Ann, but lists a daughter as "V. Mariah", age seven, hence we are assuming that this name, in some way, was substituted for Rebecca Ann, who is named in her father's will, as she would be of the age to correspond with the age given in the Census as "V. Mariah".

According to the Ordinary of Harris County, Georgia, the Vincent A. Hill property was located about twelve miles from Hamilton, and was sold by Maria Davis Hill to Henry Mathis December 9th, 1859. Although Maria sold her home place, she did not move out of the County, for in the Census of 1860 she is listed there, as head of a family. In addition to the names of her children, who were enrolled in the Census of 1850, there is the name of a baby, eight months old, named John T. Hill, whom I have been unable to place. From the

two Census records studied, and the will of Vincent A. Hill we have the following:

Issue:

1-9-1. Rosaline Hill, b. 1835.

1-9-2. Antinet Hill, b. 1836, had either married and moved to her own home between 1850-1860, or had died.

1-9-3. Hope Hull Hill, b. 1838.

Hope Hull Hill was evidently named for a famous early day Methodist preacher, Rev. Hope Hull, who came to Wilkes County, Georgia, in 1789 to preach and to teach school, and was universally loved. He moved from Wilkes County to Athens, when the College, the University of Georgia, was established there in 1804, according to Miss Bowen's History of Wilkes County. There were many of the Hill family living in Athens at this time, and it is probable that Vincent A. Hill's family was among them.

The only record we have of Hope Hull Hill is of his service in the Confederate Army, secured from the Adjutant General in Washington as follows:

"Hope H. Hill, private, Companies B. and G. 46th Georgia Infantry, Confederate States Army, enlisted 4th of March, 1862, at Lumpkin, Georgia. He was paroled 1st of May, 1865, at Greensboro, North Carolina, in accordance with the terms of a Military Convention entered into on 26th April, 1865."

We have found no further record of Hope Hull Hill, and do not know when or where he died, or whether he was ever married.

1-9-4. Jennett Hill, b. 1841.

1-9-5. Susannah Hill, b. 1844.

1-9-6. Mary Ann Hill, b. 1846.

1-9-7. Joanna Hill, b. 1849.

1-9-8. Rebecca Ann Hill, b. 1853.

It seems strange to me that we have been unable to locate any of these children or their descendants, for William Davis, Maria's brother, lived nearby in Chattahoochee County, and in Stewart County and Muscogee County, which adjoins Harris County, and there must have been some contacts with these kinsmen. William did not die until 1870, but none of his grandchildren have been able to give me any information about the Hills.

CHAPTER XIII

JAMES McCORMICK DAVIS

- 1-10. James McCormick Davis, tenth child of John Davis, Esq., and Rebecca Jones, b. 7-6-1817, d. 4-8-1896, m. 4-11-1843 Obedience Tharpe, b. 1823, d. 1905, daughter of John A. Tharpe and Elizabeth Hatcher, and grand daughter of Vincent A. Tharpe, Revolutionary soldier from Virginia.

James McCormick Davis and his wife were married in Bibb County, Georgia, but moved at an early date to Houston County where they lived the rest of their lives, and raised a large family. Several members of the family have told me that there were fourteen children, but we have only been able to locate eleven, so the other three must have died in infancy.

James McCormick Davis was a successful planter, but had such a large family that he never accumulated much of this world's goods. Though busy with his farming interests he still had time to serve as Probate Judge for many years in Houston County, and he and his wife were very popular with all of their friends and relatives. Their last child was born when Obedience was forty-seven years of age, hence there was always a baby around. After the death of her husband, Obedience went to live with her daughter, Olivia Davis Hodges, in Macon, and was later joined there by her other daughter, Georgia Davis King, after the death of Francis Marion King. These three women, a mother and her two daughters, operated a boarding house in Macon, and since they were good managers, they made a success of it. At that day and time, when gentlewomen needed to make money, about the only field open to them in a business way, was a boarding house, as women were not supposed to go into "trade".

Issue:

- 1-10-1. Edgar Davis, b. 1844.

Edgar Davis joined the Confederate Army immediately after war was declared, enlisting in Co. K. 11th Ga. Regiment, later transferred to Co. C., Morgan's Cavalry, under James E. Cantrill. He was killed in battle in Cynthiana, Kentucky, and is buried there.

- 1-10-2. Georgia Rebecca Davis, b. 1846, d. 12-14-1929, married Francis Marion King, son of the adopted daughter of General Francis Marion, of South Carolina, the cele-

brated "Swamp Fox" of the Revolution. Georgia Rebecca and her husband are both buried in the family cemetery in Perry, Georgia.

Issue:

1-10-2-1. Eugene King, b. 7-11-1870, d. 2-3-1928, m. 4-5-1893, Julia Damour, b. 1-10-1875.

Issue:

1-10-2-1-1. James Edgar King, b. 4-20-1895.

1-10-2-1-2. Francis Marion King, b. 5-19-1897.

1-10-2-1-3. Charles Joseph King, b. 7-1-1901.

1-10-3. Olivia Davis, b. 1-19-1848, d. 4-7-1926, m. 2-27-1868, J. Frank Hodges, b. 9-4-1845, d. 1936.

Olivia and J. Frank Hodges lived in Atlanta for many years, and it was my pleasure to have extended correspondence with Frank Hodges about the family, twenty-seven years ago, when he was eighty years old, and his wife was seventy-eight. They are both buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Perry, Georgia.

Issue:

1-10-3-1. Mary Lou Hodges, b. 11-11-1868, m. 12-23-1896 John Walter Pound of Atlanta, b. 9-4-1867.

Issue:

1-10-3-1-1. John Walter Pound, Jr., b. 1898. Veteran of World War I.

1-10-3-1-2. Franklin Hodges Pound, b. 2-5-1901. Unmarried.

1-10-3-1-3. Dr. Edwin C. Pound, Dentist, b. 2-25-1904, m. Martha Champlin.

Issue:

1-10-3-1-3-1. Edwin Pound, Jr., b. 1928.

1-10-3-1-3-2. Patsy Pound, b. 1933.

1-10-3-1-3-3. Mary Lou Pound, b. 1949.

1-10-3-2. Lemuel J. Hodges, b. 3-11-1874, d. 8-23-1885.

1-10-3-3. Olivia Hodges, b. 11-15-1875, m. 12-27-1904, F. C. Barker.

Issue:

1-10-3-3-1. Mary Barker, m. ————— Dell.

Issue:

1-10-3-3-1-1. Margaret Dell.

1-10-3-3-1-2. Janet Dell.

1-10-3-4. Gordon Hodges, b. 10-15-1878, d. 8-6-1882.

1-10-3-5. Dr. McCormick Davis Hodges, b. 1-11-1882, m. 12-3-1900 Ruby Stone.

Issue:

1-10-3-5-1. McCormick (Mac) Hodges.

1-10-3-5-2. Madeline Hodges.

1-10-3-5-3. Thomas Hodges.

1-10-3-6. Frank Hodges, b. 1-2-1884, d. 9-27-1919, m. 1908 Ruby Willis.

Frank Hodges was a prominent and well liked business man of Macon, and was killed by his partner over a business disagreement.

Issue: Frank Jr., Charles and Martha.

1-10-4. James McCormick Davis, Jr., b. 1850, d. 1890, d. s.p.

1-10-5. Jerry Harvey Davis, b. 6-30-1852, d. 1942, m. 11-23-1876, Sadie Bryant, b. 8-2-1855, d. 1940.

Jerry Harvey Davis spent his entire life of ninety years in Houston County where he was born, and as a bank director, County Commissioner, and a progressive citizen, he was always a vital force in his community, where he was universally loved and respected. His residence was at Houston Lake, a recreation and pleasure resort which he and his son, Jerry Alva Davis, owned and operated as J. H. Davis & Son. The Bryant family were old residents of the county also, and lived only a short distance from the Davises, near Kathleen, the site of the County's first Court House.

Issue:

1-10-5-1. Pearl Davis, b. 8-20-1877, d. 2-22-1952, m. 10-4-1899 Hal Beall, b. 7-17-1875.

Issue:

1-10-5-1-1. Elizabeth Beall, b. 10-20-1901, m. 3-2-1920, Herbert Tucker, Ocilla, Ga.

Issue:

1-10-5-1-1-1. Dorothy Tucker, m. Captain Charles Smith.

Issue:

1-10-5-1-1-1-1. Wayne Smith.

1-10-5-1-1-2. Ann Tucker, m. James Smith.

Issue:

1-10-5-1-1-2-1. Sandra Smith.

1-10-5-1-1-3. Hubert Tucker.

1-10-5-1-1-4. Hal B. Tucker, Jr., m. Louise Godbey, Vidalia, Ga.

1-10-5-1-1-5. Jerry Tucker.

1-10-5-1-2. Jean Beall, b. 8-28-1903, m. 10-9-1924, Lee Fallin, Eustis, Florida.

Issue:

1-10-5-1-2-1. Thomas Fallin.

1-10-5-1-2-2. Robert (Bobby) Fallin.

1-10-5-1-3. Frances Beall, b. 9 - 29 - 1907, m. Horace Chambless, Fitzgerald, Ga.

Issue:

1-10-5-1-3-1. Martha Pearl Chambless.

1-10-5-1-3-2. William (Billy) Chambless.

1-10-5-1-4. Hal T. Beall, Jr., b. 1-9-1917, m. Dorothy Pittman.

Hal T. Beall, Jr., was educated at Mercer, where he was a member of Phi Delta Theta. Served in the Army of Occupation in Japan.

1-10-5-2. Jerry Alva Davis, b. 8-29-1879, m. 2-24-1914 Kate Hurst, b. 12-10-1887.

Jerry Alva Davis was educated at Georgia Tech. He served as a member of the Board of Education and for twenty-six years was a County Commissioner of Houston County. His wife, Kate Hurst, was educated at Wesleyan College and at Roanoke College in Virginia.

Issue:

1-10-5-2-1. Jerry Alva Davis, Jr., b. 12-30-1914, m. Dorothy Batson of Millard, Miss.

Jerry Alva Davis, Jr., graduated at Georgia Tech in Mechanical Engineering, and was a member of Chi Psi fraternity. During the late war he served in the Marines, now a Major in Marine Corps Reserves.

Issue:

1-10-5-2-1-1. Jerry Alva Davis, 3rd.

1-10-5-3. Edgar Brown Davis, b. 11-25-1881, m. 10-23-1911, Lucy Grace, Elko, Ga., b. 10-1-1888.

Edgar Brown Davis graduated at the Baltimore Medical College, and practices his profession in Byromville, Georgia, his home.

Issue:

1-10-5-3-1. Edgar Brown Davis, Jr., called Edwin, b. 7-22-1912, m. Shirley ———.

Edgar Brown Davis, Jr., like his father is a Doctor, and received his medical education at the University of Georgia, where he was a member of Sigma Nu. During World War II he was a Capt. in the Army, with service in Burma. He now lives in Palm Beach, Fla.

Issue:

1-10-5-3-1-1. Elizabeth Grace Davis.

1-10-6. Charles Davis, b. circa 1856, died in young manhood. Unmarried.

1-10-7. Martha (Mattie) Davis, b. 1858, m. James Troutman.

Since Martha and her husband had no children, and were free to move about the country, they spent a great deal of time in travelling. They spent much time in New York, the home of two sisters and a brother, and their winters in Melbourne, Florida, which they called home. One year was spent in Dallas, Texas, at which time they visited their kinsmen in Pittsburg, Texas, a visit which was described for me in a letter from Martha in 1930.

1-10-8. Mortimer Davis, b. 1860, never married. He lived in New York with his two sisters, Jean and Henrietta, for more than thirty years.

1-10-9. Jean Davis, b. 1866, m. 1) Boykin Cade, m. 2) Dr. Alexander Trautman, d. 1933 in New York.

Though Jean Davis and her husband called New York home, they were not there very much of the time. Dr. Trautman was an Austrian, who became a U. S. Citizen, and was quite renowned in his profession. President Theodore Roosevelt sent him on a special mission to Japan to make a study of hospitals during the Japanese-Russian War, and he was decorated by the Mikado. He has an important niche in New York's Hall of Fame. After Dr. Trautman's death, Jean spent

much of her time in Nevada, as the climate seemed to alleviate her suffering from arthritis. She never had any children.

1-10-10. William Davis, b. 1868, never married, and since young manhood has made his home in New York.

1-10-11. Henrietta Davis, b. 5-15-1870, m. 11-11-1918 Dr. Mario Carbone, an Italian, who became a naturalized citizen.

Dr. Carbone's father was a talented baritone of the Metropolitan in New York for sixteen years, and wanted his son to follow a musical career, but he was more interested in scientific pursuits, and graduated at Columbia as an Engineer. While in College he received many honors, among them the coveted Darling prize. He taught more than sixteen years in City College of New York, and in Manhattan College, where a laboratory was dedicated to him for his research. He specialized in the Diesel engine, and during the last war was appointed by the President of the U. S. to teach a course on this engine to the Army and Navy. Dr. Carbone retired in 1950, and he and his wife are living in Reno, Nevada. No issue.

CHAPTER XIV

BENJAMIN DAVIS

1-11. Benjamin Davis, b. 10-3-1820, m. 1) 5-30-1844 Caroline Griffin, m. 2) Elizabeth J. McCall, m. 9-7-1847, d. 4-3-1885.

Benjamin Davis, the youngest child of John Davis, Esquire, and Rebecca Jones, was only six years old when his father died, and a mere youth when his mother died in 1844, the year he married for the first time. It is probable that the other children had already received their share of their mother's estate, for in her will she leaves all of her property, both real and personal to Benjamin, with the exception of a slave and her children, which she directed to be sold and the proceeds divided among her other children. Rebecca Jones Davis died in Twiggs County, but her will is on file in Bibb County. Benjamin's first wife died within a few years after her marriage, leaving one child, Ellic, who died in 1848.

In 1849 Benjamin Davis purchased from Joseph Willett of Bibb County about fifteen hundred acres of land, located on the Macon Reserve, on the East side of the Ocmulgee River, in Bibb County, the deed being witnessed by Benjamin P. Smith, and Robert Micklejohn, J. P. Within a year's time, in 1850, Benjamin transferred a major portion of this same property to his father-in-law, Eleazer McCall, and sold other lots of the purchase from Joseph Willetts also to other purchasers. In 1858 Benjamin had built a new house or made extensive repairs to his home, and there was a Mechanic's lien filed against him in the Bibb County Court. In August of the same year, his brother, Elisha Davis, advertised in the Georgia Weekly, the sale of "ten likely Negroes, at the home of Benjamin Davis, near Mrs. McCall's Mill, as well as a good dwelling house, kitchen, three or four Negro houses, and other houses, etc., located on 20 acres of land." Judging from these transactions we assume that Benjamin was having financial difficulties, for Georgia planters were loath to part with their land, and seldom sold their slaves, unless they were unmanageable, and these slaves were described as "Likely Negroes, with as good character as any Negroes in the State." The land which Benjamin purchased in 1849 from Joseph Willett is located near Cross Keys, and is known as "Lakeside". Some of it remained in the family, for two of the lots, number 69 and 70 were bequeathed by Benjamin's

wife, Elizabeth McCall Davis, to her sons, Henry B. Davis, and E. M. Davis, in her will in 1888.

Benjamin Davis enlisted in the Confederate Army the first year of the war, and died in the service, though we have been unable to find his official record, giving the exact date of his death, or his place of burial. Family tradition has it that when Benjamin Davis enlisted, he took his son, Henry Benjamin Davis with him, who was then just a lad of about twelve years of age. The story goes that this child was with his father at the time of his death (caused by the loss of one of his legs in the battle), which occurred either in a Shreveport or New Orleans hospital in July, 1863, and that he came back to his home in Georgia, on horse back, alone, after the most trying and hazardous trip across Texas, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Various relatives remember a Smith family in Vicksburg, Mississippi, who befriended this child en route home, and this same story is told in a genealogy of the Williams family, published in 1887, p. 49 from data furnished by Henry Benjamin Davis himself, who did not die until 1888. We have every reason to believe that the story is correct. The only record which I have been able to secure from the War Department in Washington is for a Benjamin M. Davis, private, Co. B. 20th Regiment, Ga. Inf., Confederate States Army, enlisted 23 May, 1861, at Columbus, Georgia. He died 12 September 1862 in General Hospital, Warrenton, Va., by reason of wound (foot amputated).

Benjamin Davis' brother, William, and his sister, Margaret, lived near Columbus, hence it is possible that he was the Benjamin Davis who enlisted there.

Issue of Benjamin Davis and Elizabeth J. McCall:

1-11-1. Henry Benjamin Davis, b. 6-23-1850, Twiggs County, Ga., d. 8-18-1888 in Brooksville, Florida, m. 5-2-1876, Carrie Lucretia Howes, d. 6-13-1889.

Issue:

1-11-1-1. Orin Howes Davis, b. 10-18-1877, d. 1878.

1-11-1-2. Eleazer McCall Davis, b. 2-24-1880, Macon, Ga., m. Gladys Childs.

Eleazer McCall (Mac) Davis lives at Wayside, Ga., where he owns a large plantation. Besides his farming interests in Wayside, he has lumber interests in South Georgia, at Ft. Gaines, and considerable property in Macon. His father and mother died while he was still a child, and he

and his brothers and sisters were reared by their aunt, Minnie Davis (Scott).

Issue:

- 1-11-1-2-1. Mary Davis, m. Capt. E. Boyd Ellison, who was killed on Okinawa.
- 1-11-1-2-2. Caroline Davis, m. G. F. Gorman, Miami, Florida.
- 1-11-1-2-3. Eleazer McCall Davis, Jr.
- 1-11-1-2-4. Floyd Childs Davis, b. 1-19-1924, d. 3-4-1945. Died in Wessel, Germany, as member of the 17th Airborne Division, in World War II.
- 1-11-1-3. Ethel Ruth Davis, b. 1-29-1882, d. 5-7-1952, m. Harry R. Andress, b. 10-25-1880 in Saratoga Co., New York, educated at Union College, Schenectady, New York, and for forty years a Civil Engineer for Mississippi River Commission.

Ethel Ruth Davis was educated at Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York, and was an Art Teacher at Harris Teachers College in St. Louis before her marriage.

Issue:

- 1-11-1-3-1. Ruth Geneva Andress, b. 11-8-1914, m. 9-7-1936 in Vicksburg, Miss. Dean B. Stone, b. 10-10-1914, graduate of Missouri State University, and Major in Army in World War II.

Issue:

- 1-11-1-3-1-1. Karen Dean Stone, b. 10-7-1937.
- 1-11-1-3-1-2. Linda Lee Stone, b. 6-28-1940.
- 1-11-1-3-1-3. Alan Andress Stone, b. 7-30-1943.
- 1-11-1-3-2. David Andress (twin), b. 7-15-1918, d. at birth.
- 1-11-1-3-3. Harry Royce Andress (twin), b. 7-15-1918, graduate of Miss. State College, Lt. in Army in World War II, m. Larrayne Halley Clayton, 9-30-1949, Entaro, Ala.
- 1-11-1-3-4. Elizabeth Andress, b. 7-15-1920, graduate of Miss. State College for Women, m. Clifton Dewey Ackerman, b. 9-24-1919 in Boerne, Texas, graduate of Texas A. & M. College, and Capt. in U. S. Air Force in World War II, receiving Presidential Citation.

Issue:

- 1-11-1-3-4-1. Clifton William Ackerman, b. 5-3-1944.

1-11-1-3-4-2. Carolyn Grace Davis Ackerman, b. 4-18-1949.

1-11-1-4. Susie Howes Davis (twin), b. 12-4-1884.

1-11-1-5. Carro Elizabeth Davis (twin), b. 12-4-1884.

The above twins were only five years old when their mother died, who in her will requested that they be given to Minnie Davis Scott and her sister Carro Davis. One of the twins was referred to in the will as Minnie Davis, instead of Carro Elizabeth Davis, a name which she later adopted. Both of the girls were educated as teachers at Alexander Normal School, but in later years moved to Canada to do Church work. Neither of them have ever married.

1-11-1-6. Henry Benjamin Davis, Jr., b. 2-14-1887 in Brooksville, Florida, m. Irene Childs, Wayside, Georgia.

Issue:

1-11-1-6-1. Henry Benjamin Davis, Third.

1-11-1-6-2. Grace C. Davis.

1-11-2. Eleazer McCall Davis, second child of Benjamin Davis and Elizabeth J. McCall, b. 5-10-1854, d. 5-19-1904, m. 10-26-1880 Aurie Hall Smith, b. 1859 in Midway, Ga., d. 11-1-1945. Aurie Hall Smith was the daughter of Rev. Robert C. Smith and Julia Hall.

Issue:

1-11-2-1. Julia Hall Davis, b. 4-11-1882, m. Crawford Anderson, who for many years was Business Manager of Nachoochee Institute at Nachoochee, Ga. Julia H. Davis Anderson is a Librarian by profession, now serving as Librarian for Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Georgia.

Issue:

1-11-2-1-1. William Crawford Anderson, b. 2-6-1917 in Macon, Ga., m. 7-7-1945, Chattanooga, Tenn. Harriette Bacon.

Issue:

1-11-2-1-1-1. Bruce Bacon Anderson, b. 12-10-1948.

1-11-2-1-2. Crawford Sharp Anderson, b. 6-15-1921, Nachoochee, Ga., m. 12-3-1947 in Savannah, Ga. Patricia Felton.

Issue:

1-11-2-1-2-1. Eric Felton Anderson, b. 11-25-1948.

1-11-2-1-2-2. Clare Jean Anderson, b. 12-13-1951.

1-11-2-2. Elizabeth Jane Davis, b. 10-6-1885 in Macon, Ga., m. 12-6-1910, Eugene P. Mallary.

Issue:

- 1-11-2-2-1. Eugene Cobb Mallary, b. 1-22-1912, educated at the University of Ga., and a Physicist by profession, now employed at Atomic Energy Project in New Mexico, m. Jane McBeath.

Issue:

- 1-11-2-2-1-1. Elizabeth Aurie Mallary, b. 10-6-1948, West Point, N. Y.
1-11-2-2-1-2. Peter McBeath Mallary, b. 1-26-1951, Los Alamos, N. M.
1-11-2-3. Ernest McCall Davis, b. 7-27-1888, d. 6-7-1890.
1-11-2-4. Charles Hall Davis, b. 8-7-1891, m. 8-17-1915, Mary Odessa Dent.

Issue:

- 1-11-2-4-1. Charles Hall Davis, Jr., b. 4-16-1917, m. 8-15-1951 June Dyer. Charles Hall Davis, Jr., was Lieutenant Commander in U. S. Navy, European Theatre in World War II.
1-11-2-4-2. Julian Monroe Davis, b. 9-15-1922, m. 6-18-1949 Marian Frances Grove. Julian Monroe Davis was a Lieut. in Signal Corps, during World War II.

Issue:

- 1-11-2-4-2-1. Julia Ann Davis, b. 2-5-1952.
1-11-2-4-3. Ann Elizabeth Davis, b. 3-10-1926, m. 12-30-1947 John Harvard Lomax.

Issue:

- 1-11-2-4-3-1. John Harvard Lomax, Jr., b. 12-1-1948.
1-11-2-4-3-2. Jan Elizabeth Lomax, b. 12-15-1951.
1-11-2-5. Berrien Walker Davis, b. 9-4-1894, graduated as an Engineer at the State College in Auburn, Ala., m. Margaret Newell. Berrien Walker Davis has been with the N. C. State Highway Dept. for more than 25 years.

Issue:

- 1-11-2-5-1. Margaret Newell Davis, m. in Paris, Frederick Marston, while abroad studying. Now living in New York.
1-11-2-6. Thomas Hartley Davis, b. 12-21-1896, m. Marian Wakeman.

Thomas Hartley Davis received his M. D. degree from the University of Georgia, and now practices his profession in Ocala, Florida. He was a veteran of World War I. He and his wife have four adopted children.

1-11-2-7. Anna Smith Davis, b. 1-6-1902, Augusta, Ga. Educated as a teacher at Mercer University, and now teaching in the Bibb County public schools. Unmarried.

1-11-3. Carro Elizabeth Davis, b. 4-13-1856, d. 10-21-1890. Unmarried.

1-11-4. Minnie Davis, b. 12-21-1857, d. 1-28-1948, m. 10-1-1895, William A. Scott, b. 1-26-1848, d. 7-24-1929.

Minnie Davis Scott was a graduate of Wesleyan College, where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority. She lived at the old home of Benjamin Davis, her father, at Lakside, where there is a beautiful park and lake, which she operated as an amusement and recreation park. The property is now owned by her son, Irving Scott, and granddaughter, Betty Dykes.

Minnie Davis Scott was one of the best loved members of her family, and was a mother to many of her nieces and nephews, who were orphaned at an early age. Her brother, Henry Benjamin Davis, who made the hazardous trip home to Georgia, on horseback, after the War Between the States, died in 1888, followed the next year by the death of his wife, 1889, and left six children, most of whom were cared for by Minnie Davis Scott, as members of her family. She was known far and wide for her hospitality and her charity.

Issue:

1-11-4-1. Philena Scott, b. 11-6-1897, d. 3-14-1903.

1-11-4-2. Howard Irving Scott, b. 3-7-1900, m. Margaret Stubbs, b. 8-26-1903.

Issue:

1-11-4-2-1. Jane Scott, b. 8-6-1925, educated at Wesleyan and the University of Georgia, and was a member of Alpha Delta Pi sorority, m. 6-4-1924, Dale Thompson, graduate of Mercer Law School, who practices his profession in Dublin, Georgia, his home.

1-11-4-2-2. Howard Irving Scott, Jr., b. 8-5-1929.

1-11-4-3. Mildred Scott, b. 7-18-1902, d. 8-13-1948, m. 7-18-1928 Hunter Ashlin Dykes.

Issue:

1-11-4-3-1. Mildred Elizabeth (Betty) Dykes, b. 5-21-1929.

CHAPTER XV

DAVIS, McCORMICK AND FROST DATA FROM
ANNALS OF S. W. VIRGINIA, 1769-1800

By

LEWIS PRESTON SUMMERS

Botetourt County

County Court, Feb. 14th, 1770

Robert Davis appointed Constable for the precinct on Holston's River, and the upper branches of Reed Creek, Joseph Davis, Constable for the precinct which lies on the waters of Buffalo;

James Davis, Surveyor from the Royal Oak to his house.

Court, Nov. 14th, 1770.

Samuel Davis, Juror

Court, March 15th, 1771.

James Davis, proved a certificate of 900 weight of hemp.

Court, August 13th, 1771.

John and Joshua McCormick summoned to show cause why they refused to obey Robert Alexander, Sheriff, in retaking Joseph Alexander after breaking prison.

Court Oct. 10th, 1771.

Samuel Davis, Juror.

Court, Nov. 13th, 1771

John Davis, Juror

Court, Nov. 16th, 1771

Peter Davie, Plaintiff in suit against Benjamin Hawkins.

Court, Nov. 10th, 1772.

Samuel Davies, Grand Juror.

James Davies, Grand Juror.

Court, Feb. 9th, 1773.

Joseph Davis, one of the Commissioners to lay off dower of Mary McNeil, widow of John McNeil.

Court, May 12th, 1773.

William, Samuel, and George Davis on Jury, but William refused to qualify and was fined, but fine was set aside.

Court, July 13th, 1773.

Patrick Davis, with others, ordered to view the highest and best way from Patrick Davis's to Andrew Donnally's in the Little Levels, also from James Thompson's on Anthony

Creek to James Maze’s on Greenbrier, and report thereof to the Court.

1774

Thomas Davis mentioned

Court, Jan. 10th, 1775

Josiah McCormick proved a certificate according to law for 1113 pounds of hemp.

Court, Nov. 15th, 1775, Patrick Davis appointed surveyor

Court, June 11th, 1779

John Davies, juror

Court, Sept. 10th, 1779

Mary McCormack, wife of Adam McCormack allowed thirty pounds for the support of herself and child, since her husband is in the Continental Army.

First Surveys of Land in Botetourt.

Date	Grantee	Acres	Location
Feb. 10, 1774—	Henry Davis	50	Greenbrier
Feb. 24, 1774—	John Davis	269	Greenbrier
Mar. 3, 1774—	Robert Davis	40	Mill Creek
Mar. 4, 1774—	Jacob Davis	236	Mill Creek
Mar. 4, 1774—	James Davis	283	Mill Creek
Mar. 4, 1774—	James Davis	125	Mill Creek

Marriages

Date	Groom	Bride	Parents
1801	James Davis	Betsy Snodgrass	John Snodgrass
1793	Silas Davis	Elizabeth Phillips	Samuel Phillips
1780	Thomas Davis	Mary Lauthron	
1791	William Davis	Eliz. Plymelle	
1778	William Davis	Sarah Trotter	
1790	John McCormick	Ruth Looney	Absolem Looney

Deeds

Deed Book 1, p. 13, Sept. 8, 1769,

John Willey and Elizabeth, his wife, to Samuel Davis, 280 acres at head of Buffalo Creek. James Davis, one of the wit. Deed Book 1, p. 69, Feb. 6th, 1770.

James and Agnes Davis to Smith Williams 180 acres on a branch of Buffalo Creek. Robert Davis, wit. p. 70 Feb. 6-1770.

James and Agnes Davis to John Collier,
24 acres on branch of Buffalo Creek. Robt. Davis, wit.

- p. 80, Mar. 1-1770. Joshua McCormick to John Armstrong, One brinel hefer.
- p. 84, Feb. 10th, 1770. Joshua McCormick to William Christian. Personal property.
- p. 90, Nov. 24-1769. Samuel Davis wit. to deed.
- p. 118, May 26-1770. Joshua McCormick to Samuel Robinson. Personal property.
- p. 156, Aug. 13-1770. James and Agnes Davis to William Preston. 626 acres on Catawba Creek. Samuel Davis, wit.
- p. 194, Mar. 1-1770. James and Agnes Davis to William Davis, 350 acres on waters of New River, a part of 1300 acres called "Davis Fancy". Wit. Samuel Davis.
- p. 197, Feb. 20-1771. James and Agnes Davis to Henry Davis of Bedford Co. 200 acres in Botetourt, at the head of the Holston River, a part of 1300 acres called "Davis Fancy".
- p. 199, Mar. 1-1771. James and Agnes Davis to Henry Davis of Bedford, 140 acres on branches of Holston River, part of 1300 acres called "Davis Fancy".
- p. 201, Feb. 21-1771. Samuel Davis and Hannah, his wife, to Robert Davis, 350 acres on the head waters of the Holston River. Witness, James Davis.
- p. 209, Sept. 9-1769. John Willey and Elizabeth, his wife, to Samuel Davis, 280 acres on the waters of Buffalo Creek. Wit. James Davis.

Land Grants

Date, Aug. 13, 1771—Grantor, Samuel Davis; Grantee, Robert Alexander; 280 acres; description, Buffalo Creek.

Nov. 2nd, 1773—Grantor, Daniel McCormick, and wife, Anne Walter Stewart; 96 acres; description, North Fork of Rone Oak (Roanoke).

Date Aug. 8, 1775—Grantor, Joshua McCormick and wife Martha; grantee, Bryan McDonald; 110 acres; description, both sides of N. Fork of Roanoke.

Date, April 2, 1777—Grantor, Jos. and Janet Davis; grantee, John Kirkpatrick; 186 acres; description, Forks of James.

D. B. No. 3

p. 158, Aug. 13th 1783. Priscilla Davis, Bedford Co. to George Barnes, 118 acres on Rone Oak River. Witness, John Davis.

Fincastle County

Fincastle Court, March 3rd, 1774

James Davis received judgment against Samuel Simpson and William Wilkins.

May 4th, 1773.

Robert Davis ordered to view the best way from the Rich Valley over the mountain by Robert Davis' unto the leading Road from Holston, and make report to the Court.

Under the same date, James Davis, Robert Davis and Samuel Davis were listed as Grand Jurors.

May 5th, 1773.

Ordered that Arthur Galbreath pay William Davis and James Davis 50 lbs. of tobacco each for two days attendance at Court as witnesses.

Nov. 2nd, 1773

James Davis, Grand Juror.

May 3rd, 1774.

James Davis produced certificate for 939 pounds of hemp. John Maxwell appointed Surveyor of road from William Davis' to South Fork of Reed Creek, in room of said Davis.

James and Robert Davis, Grand Jurors.

William Davis, witness to a deed.

William Davis, Juror.

John Davis made affidavit that he came 120 miles to Court, and asked pay as a witness and forrage for his horse.

James and Robert Davis, Jurors.

Samuel Davis, Juror.

Dec. 6th, 1774.

William Davis, Administrator of Estate of Samuel McAdams, dec.

May 2nd, 1775.

William Davis appointed one of a Commission to appraise the estate of Robert Doak.

First Surveys of Land for Fincastle.

Feb. 21-1774. John Davies, 275 acres, Beaver Creek, branch Holston.

Feb. 21, 1774. Nath. Davice, 115 acres Beaver Creek, branch of Holston.

June 22-1774. William Davis, 156 acres Crab Orchard Fork, branch of South Fork of Walker's creek.

March 4, 1775. William Davies, 573 acres both sides of Beaver Dam Creek, head waters of Middle Fork of Holston.

March 27, 1775. Thomas Davies, 492 acres, both sides Chestnut Creek, Montgomery Co.

Court, Sept. 3-1777.

William Davis, Justice of the Peace.

Robert Davis, First Lieut. Capt. Buchanans Company.

April 7th, 1778. William Davis, Gentleman Justice. Oath.

Nov. 3rd, 1778. John Cox administered on estate of Richard Davis.

Montgomery County

March 2nd, 1779.

Robert Davies appointed overseer of the road from Alexander Wylie's to South Fork of Reed Creek, and that William Davis and William Doak, Gentlemen Justices, appoint the hands and lay off the bounds of each overseer.

April 6-1779.

William Davis appointed Tax Commissioner.

William Davis, Gentlemen, appointed to let the contract for a log prison.

May 4th, 1779.

Robert Davis, Juror, Henry Davis, witness.

May 5th, 1779.

William Davis appointed to investigate the counterfeit money.

Aug. 3rd, 1779.

William Davis appointed Justice of the Peace.

Sept. 7th, 1779.

William Davis appointed Second Lieut.

Took oath on Nov. 2nd, 1779.

Sept. 8-1779.

William Davis, 200 acres of land, granted under King of Great Britain in 1763, O. C.

March 8th, 1780.

For serving as a soldier. Samuel Davis and David Davis granted fifty acres of land. 1763. (Fr. and Indian War).

April 5th, 1780.

Ordered that it be certified to the Land Office that William Davis is entitled to a land warrant for his services as a Sergeant under Preston on the frontiers of Augusta in 1763 and 1764, and Robert Davis as soldier in same Company.

Nov. 8th, 1780.

Joseph Davies, sworn in as Deputy Sheriff.

Feb. 6th, 1781.

James Davies, one of the appraisers of the estate of Isaac Taylor.

Feb. 7th, 1781.

Robert Davies, Overseer, from Body's to Adkins.

April 3rd, 1782.

James Davis presented a bill of supplies furnished the Montgomery Co. Militia (four men) on their march to the great Island.

May 7th, 1782.

William Davis, representative of Lieut Joseph Davis, deceased, presented a bill for ten pounds for one rifle, lost in the Battle of Reedy Fork in March 1781 where the said Joseph was killed. Depositions taken of James Davis and James Burk.

May 8th, 1782.

William Davis, Gentleman, given a permit to build a mill on Beaver Dam Creek by the mouth of Little Run.

June 4th, 1782. William Davies recommended as First Lieut. in Capt. Ingles Company.

Feb. 22nd, 1785. Abram Davies, Juror, Thomas Davis appointed Overseer from Meadow Creek unto the Good Spur.

March 23rd, 1785. Robert and Joseph Davies appointed to view the nearest and best way for a wagon road from Walker's Creek to the Washington line.

Sept. 26th, 1786.

Robert Davis recommended as Captain in room of Capt. Buchanan.

March 5-1788. James Davis Jr. took oath as Ensign of Militia.

June 3rd-1788. James Davis recommended as Lieut., Capt. Davis' Co.

Robert Davis appointed guardian of Isabella Patterson, dau. of William Patterson, deceased.

Sept. 1-1789. William Davies took oath prescribed by Congress.

Montgomery County Early Land Surveys.

1774-Feb. 21. Nathaniel Davies, 115 acres on Beaver Creek.

1782-Oct. 9th. William Davies, 36 acres. Mouth of Little River, both sides of South side of Beaver Dam Creek.

April 8th, 1783. Henry Davies, 52 acres Middle Fork of Holston.

March 15-1783. Joseph Davies, 84 acres Lymrick Br. Waters Middle f. Holston.

Nov. 29, 1782. James Davis, 357 acres Cripple Cr. So. Lick Mountain.

Oct. 26, 1782. John Davis Jr., 160 acres, Reed Cr. Br. New River.

Feb. 10, 1783. Henry Davies, 1640 acres N. E. Si. New River, Mouth Big Reed Islan.

Dec. 6th, 1782. Robert Davis, 100 acres, Big Fox Cr. Branch of New River.

Dec. 2nd, 1782. Baxter Davis, 50 acres, Big Fox Cr., Br. New River.

June 29, 1784. Thomas Davis, 100 acres, Chestnut Cr., Br. of New River.

Same Charles Davis, 100 acres.

June 19, 1785. Thomas Davis, 890 acres New River.

Montgomery County Deeds.

Aug. 31, 1782. Henry and Jane Davies to James Davies Jr. 140 acres Hd. brs. Holston River.

Aug. 31, 1782. James Davies to Joseph Davies (gift) 200 acres, Middle fork Holston.

Feb. 2nd, 1785. Henry and Jane Davies to William Davies, 200 acres Holston R.

June 4-1793. Jeremiah and Mary Davis to John Smith, 60 a. Waters of Doe Run, called Cow Camp Hollow.

May 4-1799. Daniel and Ann McCormack to William and John Stewart and Jos. Reburn and James Milligan, 96 a. N. fork Roanoke River.

Washington County, Virginia. Minutes of the County Court.

First Court, January 28th, 1777.

John Davis, one of the Commissioners to appraise the estate of Edward Sharp.

Andrew Davis one of the Commissioners appointed to appraise the estate of Alexander McKee.

John Davis recommended as Ensign in Militia of Washington Co.

April 29th, 1777.

Andrew Davis appointed one of the Commissioners to appraise the estate of James Naul.

Nov. 26th, 1777.

James Davis ordered to view the nighest and best way

for a road from the North Fork of the Holston to Castles Wood Road, through Little Mocasín Gap.

March 17th, 1778.

Daniel McCormack appointed administrator on the estate of William Shellcrop.

March 18th, 1778.

John Davis appointed overseer of the road from Samuel Newell's fence to the first crossing of Beaver Creek.

March 20, 1778.

Andrew Davis appointed overseer of the road from Blackmore's Fort to the ford of the Clinch.

Aug. 18th, 1778.

John Davis appointed to appraise the estate of George Blackburn.

Aug. 19th, 1778.

John Davis appointed to view the nighest and best road from Shoat's Ford to the Court House.

Nov. 20th, 1778.

John Davis recommended as Second Lieutenant in the Washington County Militia.

March 17th, 1779.

John Davis appointed to appraise the estate of Samuel Vance.

May 18th, 1779.

Joshua McCormack presented in Court for swearing.

Aug. 17th, 1779.

William McCormack administrator on estate of James Berry, with Daniel McCormack security.

April 21st, 1781.

Robert Davis one of the administrators of the estate of John Campbell, and with the three others acknowledged their bond of fifty thousand pounds.

September 18th, 1782.

John Davis recommended as Captain of Militia and James Davis recommended as Ensign.

May 20th, 1783.

Andrew Davis one of the appraisers of the estate of Susannah Carter.

First Land Surveys in Washington County.

Dec. 10th, 1782. John Davis, 398 acres on Beaver Creek.

Aug. 16th, 1781. John Davies, 400 acres on Gray's Creek.

Aug. 15th, 1781. John Davies, 400 acres of Gray's Creek, settled on land in 1771.

- Dec. 10th, 1782. John Davies, 350 acres on Beaver Creek.
Feb. 15th, 1783. William Davies, Robert Davies, and Alexander Wylie, 970 acres Turkey Cove, settled in 1773.
Aug. 22nd, 1781. Harry Davis, 200 acres Clinch River, settled in 1774.
Nov. 23rd, 1782. Andrew Davis, 380 acres, Stony Creek.
Dec. 9th, 1782. Samuel Davies, 100 acres, East Fork Beaver Creek.
Aug. 16th, 1781. Samuel Davies, 100 acres, Beaver Creek, settled 1773.
May 27th, 1784. Samuel Davies, 60 acres, East Branch Beaver Creek.

Washington County.

Frost.

- Jan. 10th, 1783. Joseph Frost, 200 acres North Fork, Holston River.
Dec. 5th, 1782. Thomas Frost, 37 acres, Middle Fork, Smith's Creek.
April 18th, 1782. John Frost, 145 acres, North Fork Holston River.
Aug. 29th, 1781. John Frost, 200 acres, North Fork Holston River.
May 29th, 1785. Simeon Frost, 351 acres Rich Valley.
Aug. 25th, 1781. Simeon Frost, 400 acres Washington Co., settled in 1769.
April 17th, 1787. Thomas Frost, 373 acres, both sides Smith's Creek.
Aug. 16th, 1781. Thomas Frost, 400 acres, Smith's Creek.
March 5th, 1791. Thomas Frost, 225 acres, both sides of North Fork of Holston River.
Jan. 18th, 1793. Samuel Frost, 100 acres, Slaughter's Creek.
May 24th, 1793. Joseph Frost, 50 acres, at foot of Big Knob Elk Valley Branch.
Jan. 19th, 1793. John Frost, 162 acres, Poor Valley.
Feb. 8th, 1793. Thomas Frost, 102 acres, Logan's Creek.
June 25th, 1794. Thomas Frost, 127 North Fork Holston River.

McCormack.

- April 18th, 1782. Joshua McCormack, 400 acres Middle Fork Holston.
April 18th, 1782. Joshua McCormack, 55 acres Middle Fork Holston.
March 4th, 1791. John McCormack, 50 acres, Smith's Creek.

Marriages in Washington County.

In 1772 a group of inhabitants of Southwest Virginia called the Reverend Charles Cummings as their Minister, the call being as follows:

"A call from the united congregations of Ebbing and Sinking Springs, on Holston River, Fincastle County, to be presented to the Reverend Charles Cummings, minister of the Gospel, at the Reverend Presbytery of Hanover, when sitting at the Tinkling Spring."

He evidently accepted the call, for his name is listed as Minister in many of the marriages:

DAVIS.

Dec. 24th, 1793. Nathaniel Davis and Margaret W. Dever, Charles Cummings, Minister.

Jan. 2nd, 1794. John Davis and Mary Curry, Charles Cummings, Minister.

Jan. 9th, 1800. John Davis and Betsy Whitten, N. Reagan, Minister.

Nov. 14th, 1797. Abraham Davis and Nancy Whitten, N. Reagan, Minister.

Among the signatures to the call to Reverend Cummings were the following:

John Davis, Nathaniel Davis, and Daniel McCormick.

Washington County.

FROST.

Sept. 12th, 1786. Makijah Frost and Nancy Robbins, John Frost, Minister.

July 20th, 1786. Joseph Frost and Anne Brooks, John Frost, Minister.

Oct. 3rd, 1791. Edward Frost and Amilla Roberts, John Frost, Minister.

McCORMICK.

May 21st, 1795. John McCormick and Ann Armstrong, Charles Cummings, Minister.

Deeds in Washington County.

Record of Deeds Number 1.

1788, p. 90. Simeon Frost and wife Martha to Samuel Ewing and Thomas Johnson of Russell Co., 300 acres in Rich Valley, known by the name of "Success".

April 28, 1791. James Davis of Rockbridge Co. to Samuel Davis, 108 acres on headwaters of Beaver Creek, branch of the Holston River.

Sept. 18th, 1794. William Edmondson, James Armstrong, Robert Campbell and Robt. Preston to John Gray, Samuel Davis, witness.

Aug. 4th, 1796, p. 484. John McCormick witnesses a deed.

April 8, 1794, p. 78. John McCormick witnesses a deed from Andrew Balfour and wife Sarah to John Johnston for 1000 acres in forks of Trading Creek, a branch of Powell's River in the County of Lee (late Russell).

June 21, 1797, p. 239. John McCormick and Robt. Liggett of the County of Chambersburg in the County of Franklin in the State of Pennsylvania, merchant, to Adam Lant-zinger of the City of Philadelphia, merchant, certain lots in the town of Abington, Virginia.

Wythe County, Virginia.
Minutes of County Court.

May 26th, 1790.

Robert Davis recommended to the Governor as Captain of the County Militia.

June 22nd, 1790.

John Davis and Christopher Zimmerman assigned 100 acres on South side of New Road for erection of public buildings.

William Davis recommended as Coroner.

Sept. 28-1790.

Robert and William Davis qualify as Captain of Militia.

Nov. 23-1790.

James Davies qualifies as Lieut. of Militia.

May 13-1798.

James Davies qualifies as Justice.

May 8-1798.

William Davies appointed guardian of Nancy and Hannah Whitlock, orphans of Charles Whitlock.

Oct. 9-1798.

John Davis recommended as Ensign, and road established from James Davis' field to Hammond's.

Nov. 14th, 1798.

William Davies appointed guardian of John, William, and Peggy Walters, children of Michael Walters.

Nov. 12-1799.

William Davis qualifies as Sheriff.

Nov. 13-1799.

James and John Davis qualify as Deputy Sheriffs.

Wythe County Marriages

1790-1800

Date	Groom	Bride	Minister
11-20-1799	James Davis	Sarvis Harman	Neth'l Bonham
9-18-1795	George Davis	Mary Coutre	John Stanger
4- 3-1796	David Davis	Ester Dollar	John Stanger
10-10-1793	James Davies	Betsy Leftwich	Nath'l Bonham

Revolutionary Soldiers of Southwest Virginia.

John Davis, Captain at King's Mountain
 Nathaniel Davis, King's Mountain
 Robert Davis, Ensign, King's Mountain
 Robert Davis, First Lieutenant, under R. Buchanan
 Samuel Davis, King's Mountain
 William Davis, 2nd Lieutenant, under J. Burns
 James Davis, Captain, Washington County
 John Davis, Captain, Washington County
 Joseph Davis Jr., Montgomery County
 Robert Davis, Washington County
 William Davis, Colonel, King's Mountain
 Charles Davis, Botetourt County
 Robert Davis, Botetourt County
 John McCormack, Washington County
 Alexander McCormack, Botetourt County

Regiments at Battle of Point Pleasant.

Captain Philip Love's Company of Volunteers of Botetourt County.

Charles Davis.

Captain John Lewis' Co. of Volunteers of Botetourt County.

Robert Davis.

Captain Henry Paulding's Co. of Volunteers of Botetourt.

George Davis.

French and Indian War.

1763. Samuel Davies

Cherokee Expedition.

August, 1776. Col. William Christian's Company.

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Volunteers from Fincastle County.

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